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NSL FOR TWO STATES!

VICTORIAN PLAN TO BOOT OUT BRISBANE TEAMS

BY DAVID JACK

LEO ANEZAKIS, president of South Melbourne, wants the 1985 National Soccer League to be restricted to teams from Victoria and New South Wales.

Although he makes the concession that there might be room for one Adelaide club, Anezakis has no doubts about what should happen to Queensland's two NSL clubs.



LEO ANEZAKIS

They should be kicked out!

"We lose money every year by playing in Brisbane," said South's president, "and that's bad business. When any business is losing money, you have to make changes."

"Soccer — not just South Melbourne — loses \$10,000 every time we play in Brisbane."

"I get very upset when people do not attend matches. There are certainly not enough good players here for 24 National League teams. If the standard is to be raised, the League will have to be reduced from 24 to 14 clubs."

When we spoke, Anezakis made it very clear that, in any restructured NSL, Brisbane Lions and Brisbane City should be out.

And in an interview in the "Melbourne Sun," Anezakis stated firmly that the only way for the NSL to go would be with a 14-team competition, seven each from Melbourne AND Sydney, playing home and away matches.

"Brisbane has had eight years to get its act together but people there have shown they are not in-

terested in Soccer on a national level," he told the paper.

He also said: "The recent internationals in Brisbane proved the point even further. If they are so unconcerned about Soccer, we should leave them — let them die alone."

The elimination of

the two Brisbane clubs may appear a ruthless remedy for the ailments of the National League but it is probable that Leo Anezakis's feelings are shared by other Victorian and NSW clubs.

The difference is, they pay lip service to an NSL format including

teams from ALL the eastern States, while the South Melbourne president has come out in print to claim it is not working.

Anezakis's feelings are sure to reinforce Queensland fears that there are moves afoot to end their days in the NSL.



Sydney Croatia's Shane Clinch is on the ball, but Adelaide City defender Neville Flounders slides in for a tackle. Croatia and Adcity drew 3-3 (PHOTO: DAVID JELLINGS).

FOREST FIX UP 'DAVO'

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

ALAN DAVIDSON, Australia's World Cup right-back, looks certain to sign for English first division side, Nottingham Forest.

As reported exclusively by ASW some weeks ago, Forest assistant manager Ron Fenton was highly impressed with Davidson's performances during the World Soccer Series.

So impressed was Fenton that he said Forest would definitely be interested in signing a player of Davidson's calibre, providing their regular right-back, England international Viv Anderson, was transferred.

Anderson's future with Forest was under a cloud as he was interested in chasing bigger money, possibly in Italy or Spain.

But last week, Arsenal, bought Anderson and paid Forest

\$400,000.

Immediately after Anderson left Forest, Davidson was approached from England.

"I spoke to Mr Fenton twice," Davidson said. "The first time he gave me a general brief as to my availability for Forest."

"I told him I was under contract to South Melbourne till the end of our season only."

"The second call from England was made after Mr Fenton had discussed my terms with Forest manager Brian Clough."

"Clough endorsed Fenton's recommendations and stated he would pay my \$30,000 transfer fee to South Melbourne as soon as I complete my contract with them," Davidson said.

Davidson is expected to fly to England as soon as the NSL season is over to start training with Nottingham Forest.

Fenton asked Davidson what Arsenal had originally offered him, and when 'Davo' gave him the figures, Fenton said it would be no problem.

The club assured Davidson there were no worries about the work permit problems which prevented his joining Arsenal.

Davidson can expect added bonuses from Forest as they are in the UEFA Cup next season.



ALAN DAVIDSON



TERRY GREEDY

Who are Australia's top three keepers? - Page 10

EDITORIAL

ONE of the most pathetic and pointless ways for disgruntled Soccer supporters to let off steam is to stage a demonstration.

Last week, at the Sydney Athletic Field, we had a demonstration.

It had no genuine motive. It achieved absolutely nothing. And the misguided people involved in it were made to look very silly.

This particular demo was put on by a minority of Sydney Olympic's so-called supporters.

They held a protest meeting outside the ground. They sought to persuade other spectators to boycott the big game against Sydney City.

When ASW questioned one of the demonstrators about the reasons for the demonstration, we were told: "Sydney Olympic fans will not enter the ground because we do not like what Sydney City coach Eddie Thomson wrote in a newspaper."

What was Thomson's crime? It seems he was less than enthusiastic about the way Greek team Iraklis played against Australia "B" at Brisbane in the World Soccer Series.

So Thomson put his thoughts into print.

Shame on him. What a terrible thing to do. Fancy being indiscreet enough to spark off a demo. Naughty Eddie!

If the protesters had anything serious enough to protest about, their action might have been taken more seriously.

As it was, they merely made them-

selves look idiotic.

We discussed this strange business with the man in the centre of it all... Eddie Thomson.

Here is what he had to say:—

"Sydney Olympic have tremendous support and that is very valuable encouragement for their players. And when the supporters stay away from their matches, the biggest sufferers must be Sydney Olympic.

"Those 'yobbo's' who decided not to attend the match were letting their own team down and giving Sydney City a better chance of winning. They're crazy.

"There used to be a Scotsmen's Hill at the Athletic Field. Now they'll have to rename it Olympic Hill.

"At least the true supporters of Sydney Olympic attended the match and got good value for their money."

Thomson is right. The Slickers v Olympic game was worth travelling a long way to see and the biggest losers were those ill-advised people who stayed outside on a miserable wet afternoon.

If they had entered the ground, they might have stayed dry at least.

Instead, they battled the elements, trying to fend off the driving rain with umbrellas, and distributing leaflets.

All they gained from their silly demonstration was a good soaking.

Let us hope they have learned their lesson. Demonstrations may have helped in some way to end the war in Vietnam, but Soccer demonstrations, for frivolous reasons, are a complete waste of time and effort.

Perhaps the next one will be held on a dry day. It might have a better chance of succeeding!

SCOOP FOR 0/28

THE Spanish Cup Final between Barcelona and Bilbao was one of the most violent matches in many a long year.

Some of the thuggery involving players and officials was unbelievable—but you can now see it "before your very eyes" thanks to Channel 0/28

television.

Diego Maradona, the \$9,000,000 footballer, was in the thick of the action and he, like other players and officials, suffered suspension because of it.

There were 70,000 spectators at the match played at Real Madrid's home ground, Bernabeu Stadium where Italy beat West Germany in the final of the 1982 World Cup.

The violence was said to have been one of the main reasons for Luis Cesar Menotti's de-

cision to quit Spanish football to return to his homeland, Argentina.

The Barcelona - Bilbao match will be screened on Saturday by the "Soccer Channel" and the action starts at 5.30pm.

This promises to be one of the most exciting TV games sent to Australia from Europe and an absolute "must" for all Soccer followers.



Maradona

ROSEBUD KIDS CLIMB TABLE

BY PETER RUSSELL

IN a depleted National Youth League programme, both AIS and Newcastle moved into commanding positions on the table.

AIS defeated Sydney City on the synthetic surface 3-1 in a closely contested match, and took over the lead from Leichhardt, who did not play at the weekend.

The Newcastle Rosebuds moved up three places with two hard earned wins over Marconi at Blacksmiths on Saturday and Olympic at Pratten Park on Sunday.

Sydney Slickers were the latest team to

savour the delights of the new synthetic pitch at the Bruce complex in Canberra, when they closely contested their game against AIS.

However, before they could find their feet AIS were one goal up through Sean Greaves who scored in the second minute. The Slickers fought every inch of the way and were rewarded in the 42nd minute when Graeme Patterson netted from the penalty

spot.

But AIS opened the second half in the same fashion as the first when they netted in the first minute through Warren Spink. Slickers continue the game fiercely, but once again it was Spink who scored for AIS in the 88th minute as the Slickers were pressing strongly for an equaliser.

In a gale wind Blacksmiths ground Swansea, Rosebuds adapted themselves better to the difficult conditions than visitors Marconi.

Rosebuds, playing against the strong wind would only have been hoping to hold Marconi to a narrow deficit at half time, but instead went to a two-goal lead after only 23 minutes, with goals from Darren Stewart and Paul Gillogly. Rosebuds were working the ball upfield whilst the Leopards were relying on long through balls and long distance shots with the wind.

In the second half Rosebuds used the wind to their advantage, striker Bill Ton scoring directly from corner kicks in the 61st and 74th minutes. Ti Mariani got the consolation goal for Marconi in the 65th minute.

Newcastle doubled at the weekend at Olympic at Pratten Park in a defeat.

On a heavy pitch the windy conditions they were physically too strong for the lighter opponents. They deserved the very workmanlike win in this uninspiring match.

They showed teamwork doesn't mean fancy interplay moves, but backing up man with the ball and erasing mates caught out of position.

Olympic, while it plenty of talent, too many players who to do it alone.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
AIS	14	10	2	2	36	14	22
Leichhardt	16	9	3	4	25	17	21
Newcastle	15	8	4	3	24	16	20
Melita Eagles	15	9	2	4	25	20	20
Canberra	16	8	2	6	32	27	18
St George	16	8	2	6	37	34	18
Blacktown	16	7	2	7	18	25	16
Sydney City	15	7	1	7	38	23	15
Marconi	16	5	4	7	23	30	14
Olympic	16	6	1	9	33	35	13
Penrith	15	4	2	9	26	39	10
Croatia	17	3	2	12	19	37	8
Wollongong	15	3	1	11	22	41	7



INDOOR SOCCER

IN the two-page advertisement for the Australian Amateur Indoor Soccer Federation in last week's ASW, two of the telephone numbers were incorrect.

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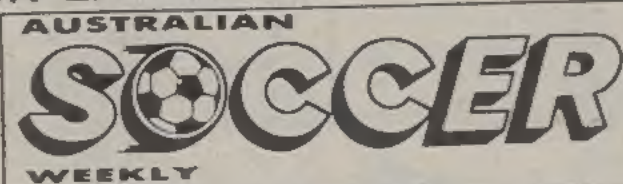
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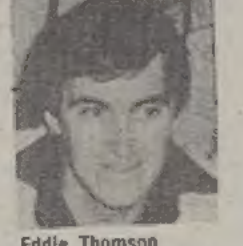
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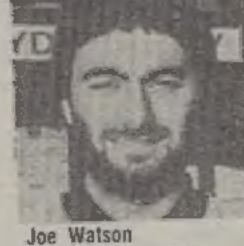
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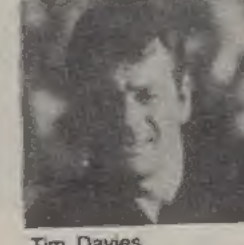
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YOUTH SQUAD ANGERS S.A.

BY TOM McKAIN

THE South Australian Soccer Federation is upset at the selection of squads for the World Youth Cup team count-down.

Only two players from the SA team which finished runners-up in the National Youth Championship have been chosen in a mixed squad to train in Canberra.

Yet a full squad has been selected from NSW, which ran a poor seventh in the championship.

The SA Soccer Federation board asked State coaching director Mike Wells for comments on the selection.

Wells was in charge of the SA squad for former Soccerroo and Adelaide City star Johnny Perin as coach.

Only West Adelaide midfielders Theo Stamatiopoulos and John Panagis made the composite squad.

"I have written to Youth team coach Jimmy Shoulder asking if there

will be more camps for other SA candidates," said Wells.

"I will suggest that Adelaide City's Alex Tobin and West's Steve Papadopoulos, who are also regular NSL players, be considered along with State League players Slavko Hancar of Beograd, Polonia's Paul Kolesnikowicz and Jim O'Connor of Azzurri.

"The selectors will be abrogating their responsibilities if they ignore players of the calibre of Tobin, Kolesnikowicz and Hancar who were the backbone of an impeccable SA defence during the Youth championship this year," said Wells.

"The worst aspect of the selection is that neither Perin nor I was consulted about national team selection,

either during the championship or after.

I accept that Victoria, as champions for the past two years, should have a big squad in camp, but I find it unbelievable that NSW, which finished second bottom this year, should have 16 players called into a camp.

"We were runners-up to Victoria in the past two seasons, and this year lost the final by a late goal.

We proved this year, by conceding only three goals including a disputed penalty in four games, that SA has the best defence in the competition."

SA has three players at the Australian Institute of Sport — Graham McMillan, Sean Greaves and Louis Hniszodoulou.

YELLOW PERIL STRIKES MARCONI — TWO OUT

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

MARCONI are handicapped for the match against Melita Eagles at Marconi Stadium on Sunday.

Steve Calderan and Tommy McCulloch have both fallen victim of the "yellow peril".

It's expected that coach Les Scheinflug will promote Atti Carbone and Bertie Mariani to the first XI.

"We dropped two very precious points last against Juventus last Sunday, and we took the first half too easily. That won't happen again.

"I'm looking forward to the Melita match, as they play a fast open game. It should be attractive to watch," said Scheinflug.

Scheinflug was not too happy with his strike-line last Sunday, and is considering bringing into the attack young Rene Licata and possibly pushing

Mark Jankovics up-front.

Both Marconi and Melita lost to interstate opponents last weekend, so they will be very keen to redeem themselves.

Meanwhile, Melita coach Raul Blanco will have left-midfielder Billy Griffiths back after missing the match against Brisbane City.

Blanco is also considering recalling forward Dennis Duarte who has shown much improved form in the Youth League.

Both coaches should be able to share a few memories next Sunday — they were the coach and assistant coach respectively of the Soccerroos and Youth Soccerroos when they formed a winning partnership.

SUNSHINE STATE'S COUNTER-ATTACK

QUEENSLAND'S fears that the State's two National League clubs could be squeezed out of the NSL by their Southern counterparts (ASW, July 10) appear to be materialising.

South Melbourne president Leo Anezakis has called for the axing of the two Brisbane clubs, claiming they were causing financial hardship for the others.

Officials from the Sunshine State were unimpressed and angered by the comments made by Mr Anezakis in a Melbourne newspaper.

Queensland's representative on the National League management committee, Guido Canale, has vowed to raise the matter at the next meeting.

"Mr Anezakis has taken a narrow-minded at-

titude with only his club's interests at heart, the two Brisbane sides have honoured their commitments to the league in every way and should not be penalised for spending money on facilities rather than import players," he said.

"I am very surprised by these statements by a president from a club such as South Melbourne. The club attended the recent meeting where it was unanimously decided that the NSL would continue. Everyone was given the opportunity to speak then and voice

BY GREG RUSSELL

any criticism.

Mr Canale's counter-attack was supported by officials from City and Lions and the Queensland Soccer Federation. They all quoted the all-time National League table which shows the Brisbane clubs in sixth (Lions) and ninth (City) places, and bettered by only two Melbourne clubs.

"The alleged comments are totally inaccurate. While living in a city the size of Brisbane restricts the availability of players, the performances of the two clubs over the past seven years have been excellent," QSF secretary Alan Vessey said.

"It is obvious City and Lions have planned in

the long term and any action to take them out of the league would destroy the concept of the NSL and its future credibility."

Brisbane Lions secretary, Lawrence Oudendyk, while understanding of the problems which face the Melbourne clubs travelling to Brisbane, was equally vocal in his criticism.

"The NSL is to serve the whole of Australian Soccer, not just one club," he said.

Brisbane City secretary John Ponturo claimed Mr Anezakis' figures were incorrect.

BRISBANE PAIR FOR GREENER PASTURES?

BY GREG RUSSELL

GOALKEEPER Kim Wishart and midfielder Luciano Fabrizio could look to transfer to Southern clubs next year, Brisbane City coach Joe Gilroy has predicted.

While neither player has openly indicated they are considering a move, Gilroy believes an interstate transfer could be the only way the Brisbane pair could realise their Soccerroo ambitions.

"Kim and Luchie must be aiming for international football and if they are wise they will go south," Gilroy said.

"Until Queensland clubs start winning regularly in the NSL, our players will face an up-

hill battle to get into the national team."

Gilroy, who considered Wishart a shock omission from the national squad for the recent international series, cited the example of David Ratcliffe.

The former Bradford City player was relatively unknown outside of Queensland, yet after leaving Brisbane City for St George he was suddenly recognised as one of the best defenders in Australia.



KIM WISHART

While Gilroy admits he would find it difficult to replace either Wishart or Fabrizio, he pointed out: "Everyone is for sale and any bids for either player would have to be considered."

"No-one is irreplaceable and if we can produce better players for other clubs then in our own way we are doing our job."

While Gilroy has been offered the City coaching job for 1985, he has yet to accept the position.

"A lot of factors have to be taken into consideration and the end of this season is still a way off yet.

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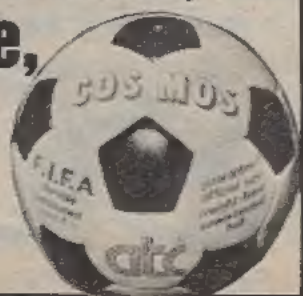
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H'BERG	18	10	4	4	30	18	24	7	1	2	21	12	15	3	3	2	9	6	9		
STH MELB	18	10	3	5	31	14	23	5	3	2	19	6	13	5	0	3	12	8	10		
MEL CROATIA	18	9	5	4	26	21	23	6	2	1	14	6	14	3	3	3	12	15	9		
BRUNSWICK	18	8	3	7	23	32	19	4	2	3	12	14	10	4	1	4	11	18	9		
BRIS CITY	18	7	3	8	15	21	17	2	3	5	5	10	7	5	0	3	10	11	10		
PRESTON	18	6	4	8	29	26	16	3	3	3	19	11	9	3	1	5	10	15	7		
AD CITY	18	6	4	8	20	21	16	3	3	4	11	10	9	3	1	4	9	11	7		
BRIS LIONS	18	6	4	8	27	30	16	3	3	3	14	15	9	3	1	5	13	15	7		
GR GULLY	18	6	4	8	19	28	16	3	2	3	12	12	8	3	2	5	10	13	8		
FOOTSCRAY	17	6	3	7	19	19	15	2	1	5	8	10	5	3	2	3	9	8	8		
WEST AD	18	5	4	9	28	31	14	4	2	4	22	13	10	1	2	5	6	18	4		
SUNSHINE	18	3	6	9	14	34	12	1	4	4	5	8	6	2	2	5	9	26	6		

AUSTRALIAN CONFERENCE

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SYD CITY	18	12	5	1	47	12	29	6	1	0	27	6	13	6	4	1	20	6	16
LEICHHARDT	18	9	5	4	29	19	23	6	0	2	13	6	12	3	5	2	16	13	11
MARCONI	18	9	3	6	39	23	21	7	0	3	23	10	14	2	3	3	16	13	7
OLYMPIC	18	7	7	4	34	22	21	3	3	2	14	11	9	4	4	2	20	11	12
PARRA MELITA	18	7	6	5	18	18	20	3	3	3	9	10	9	4	3	2	9	8	11
PENRITH	18	6	6	6	22	29	18	4	2	2	13	15	10	2	4	4	9	14	8
ST GEORGE	18	5	7	6	25	26	17	3	5	2	16	13	11	2	2	4	9	13	6
BLACKTOWN	18	6	5	7	26	32	17	4	4	2	19	15	12	2	1	5	7	17	5
SYD CROATIA	18	5	6	7	21	30	16	1	3	4	8	16	5	4	3	3	13	14	11
CANBERRA	17	7	1	9	30	25	15	4	0	4	15	10	8	3	1	5	15	15	7
NEWCASTLE	18	5	2	11	19	41	12	4	1	3	11	12	9	1	1	8	8	29	3
W'GONG	18	3	4	11	14	39	10	3	1	6	9	18	7	0	3	5	5	21	3

RESULTS

• SYDNEY CROATIA 3 (Arnold, Vidale, Jurin) ADELAIDE CITY 3 (Maxwell, Flounders, Gatenby) at Marconi Stadium. (double-header). CROWD: 4,324.
 • WEST ADELAIDE 2 (M. O'Shea og, Hiern) ST GEORGE 2 (Ricoy, Koczka) at Hindmarsh Stadium. CROWD: 1,236.
 • BRISBANE CITY 2 (Glockner, Mengotij) PARRA MELITA 1 (McKie) at Spencer Park. CROWD: 416.
 • BLACKTOWN 3 (Larkin, O'Connor, Sandy) BRISBANE LIONS 4 (Cairney 2, Hunter, Anderson) at Gabbie. CROWD: 520.
 • SOUTH MELBOURNE 0 SYDNEY CITY 0 at Middle Park. CROWD: 3,000.
 • SUNSHINE 1 (Faulkner) WOLLONGONG 1 (Fontana) at Chaplin Reserve. CROWD: 1,200.
 • PRESTON 6 (Dunn 2, Heys 2, Campbell, Odzakov) PENRITH 0 at Connor Reserve. CROWD: 1,500.
 • HEIDELBERG 1 (Patterson) LEICHHARDT 0 at Heidelberg. CROWD: 1,750.
 • MELBOURNE CROATIA 2 (Biskic, Markovac) SYDNEY OLYMPIC 1 (Patikas) at Olympic Park. CROWD: 2,000.
 • MARCONI 0 BRUNSWICK 1 (Ward) at Marconi Stadium. CROWD: 4,324 (double-header).
 • NEWCASTLE 1 (Johns) GREEN GULLY 2 (Williams, Lewis) in Newcastle. CROWD: 350.

TOP SCORERS

- 15 — Kosmina (SC)
- 11 — D. Brown (SM)
- 10 — Bradley (L)
- Lowie (M)
- 9 — Patterson (H)
- Winn (H)
- Katholos (SO)
- Arnold (S. CR)
- 8 — Konstandopoulos (WA)
- Farina (CA)
- Cairney (BL)
- McCulloch (M)
- Patikas (SO)
- 7 — Marton (SG)
- Lewis (GG)
- Sweeney (BJ)
- R. Brown (M)
- Jankovics (M)
- Brandt (NR)
- Fletcher (SC)



THE GIANTS DRAW

BY CON NIKOLOPOULOS

SYDNEY CITY displayed championship winning form even though they were held to a scoreless draw against South Melbourne at Middle Park.

Even without Australian captain John Kosmina and the early loss of midfielder Jim Cant through injury, Sydney City displayed tremendous fighting spirit and penetration, particularly in the second half — a period they dominated throughout.

The Slickers relied mainly on long through-balls to Murray Barnes, who was positioned in the forward-line in attempt to exploit the advantage of the strong wind.

South Melbourne deprived themselves of the opportunity of an early lead because of poor ball distribution and lack of co-ordination in their forward moves.

The game was not a great spectacle with the exception of the last quarter when both sides mounted some brilliant attacks.

Alan Davidson produced South's best scoring opportunity in 81st minute when he fired a ground shot from the area line, but keeper Tony

Pezzano stretched full length to parry the ball for a corner.

Sydney City responded with a counter-attack featuring Grant Lee, who had kept South Melbourne's defence on their toes most of the day with his penetrating runs.

He latched onto a long through-ball, evaded advancing South Melbourne goalkeeper Peter Laumets and sent the ball to the left, but his cross into the area

was easily headed away by Steve Blair.

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Laumets, Russell, Davidson, Blair, Kalisatidis, Halford, Yzendoorn, Crino, Egan, Brown, Murphy.

SYDNEY CITY: Pezzano, Rodriguez, Robertson, O'Connor, de Marigny, Kay, Watson, Barnes, Fletcher, Cant.

(Bottalico 14), Lee.

REFEREE: S. Mellings.

CROWD: 4,000.



MURRAY BARNES (left) was used by Slickers in the front line in the windy Middle Park conditions

HEIDELBERG TO THE TOP

BY ALAN SANDERS

HEIDELBERG UNITED surged to the top of the National Conference table with a surprise 1-0 win over Leichhardt at Olympic Village.

The goal was one of several highlights of an incident packed game.

Leichhardt threw the game away by missing no fewer than five clear-cut chances.

The Sydney team had the better of the early exchanges and could have scored repeatedly in the opening half had their forwards been more accurate.

The Sydneysiders stormed into attack and created a number of scoring opportunities mainly working on the defensive errors made by Heidelberg.

The game drifted away from them in the second half when Heidelberg started pressing forward.

Their efforts were rewarded in the 67th minute when Scott Patterson hammered a Steve Winn cross home.

Leichhardt coach Fil Bottalico said after the game that his team gave the match to Heidelberg.

Heidelberg coach Brian Garvey praised Leichhardt for their tremendous skills and predicted that the Sydney side will remain

among the contenders for the 1984 championship title.

HEIDELBERG: Oliver, McKie, Angele, Yankos, McLeod, Valentine, Petersen, Selemidis, Stevenson, Patterson, Winn.

LEICHHARDT: Catlin, Bozanic, Brown, Bertogna, Pullen, Butler, Bradley, Gray, Caban (Genovese 78), Tredinnick, DeCeglie (Morsello 65).

REFEREE: C. Bambridge.

CROWD: 2,000.

'WARHORSE' FIGHTS ON

BY BRAD EARL

BLACKTOWN CITY's "warhorse" captain, Cliff Pointer, is fighting an achilles tendon injury.

Pointer was replaced at half-time in Sunday's match against Brisbane Lions, the first time he has been seriously affected since he incurred the injury several weeks ago.

He is one of 10 Blacktown NSL squad members troubled by injury. Like Pointer, Micky Quarumby and Phil O'Connor have played with in-

juries.

The other casualties are Rob Wheatley, Clive Eaton, Bob Mountford, Micky McLaughlin, Tony Rasmussen, Mike Berry and David Curtis.

The situation has been so bad that coach Casey de Bruin has only had five or six players at training in recent weeks.



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JUVE HOLD 'EM OUT!

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS absorbed tremendous pressure hurled at them by Marconi in the last 25 minutes as they clung desperately to their slender 1-0 lead at Marconi Stadium.

This was Juventus' first NSL match in Sydney and they returned to Victoria a very proud team.

Marconi took it too easily in the first half and missed a glorious chance in the 19th minute to take the lead through midfielder Tommy McCulloch.

Paul Carter overlapped down the flank and whipped in a perfect cross for McCulloch, but his downward header missed the target narrowly from only three metres.

Just four minutes after this goal-chance, Juventus scored when Gary Ward climbed to head into goal a ball cut back off the byline.

But three minutes before the break, Marconi, again through McCulloch, had another

chance to score.

David Lowe sent in a beautifully measured cross to McCulloch who cracked a strong header that crashed on to the left post and bounced into goalkeeper George Martin's arms.

For most of the second half, Marconi launched attack after attack, but the Juventus team to a man defended as if their lives depended on it. They were magnificent.

But Juventus counter-attacked on three occasions that could have resulted in further goals as Marconi threw men forward for the equaliser.

Striker Andrew Zinni twice split Marconi's defence with dazzling raids, but failed to score. His second raid



High-flying action from Marconi's Craig Mason in the match against Brunswick Juventus.

in the 79th minute, ended with a blistering shot from 12 metres only to see Marconi's magnificent goalkeeper, Bruce James, hurl himself wide to block.

Strikers Gary Ward, Robert Cullen and Andrew Zinni were excellent, whilst midfielder der Savas Saglam repeatedly cut gaps into Marconi with excellent distribution.

As well, centre-backs Brown and Drinoczky

looked very sturdy for Juventus.

An elated Juventus coach, John Margaritis, said: "I was very pleased with all my players. When the pressure was on in the second half, we defended magnificently without being negative. We even looked very dangerous on the counter-breaks."

MARCONI: James; Carter, Henderson, Calderan, Driene

(Spanos 46); Jankovic, Mason, McCulloch; Sharne, Lowe, Brown.

BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS: Martin; Swinscoe, Brown, Drinoczky, Rogers (Jeremia 71); Saglam, Minicchiello, Campbell; Cullen, Zinni, Ward.

REFEREE: R. Lorenc.

CROWD: 4,234 (double-header).

RELEGATION WORRIES AT WESTAD

BY TOM MCKAIN

WEST ADELAIDE plummeted near the humiliation of asking for readmittance to the NSL when they could only draw 2-2 at home against St George.

And it wasn't just the result, but the fact that captain and sweeper Graham Honeyman was booked for shirt-pulling and will be suspended for the next round against the powerful South Melbourne.

On the showing against Saints, West will be lucky to hold the Victorians to a respectable score, even at Hindmarsh Stadium.

If it had not been for goalkeeper Gary Sproul, St George would have walked away with two points.

In a torrid first half, Sproul saved shots from David Skeen, Peter Stone, Pedro Ricoy (twice); then in the second period, he looked beaten until he punched away a ball which Andy Koczka was about to put away.

Things had looked good for West in the third minute when Mike O'Shea scored an own goal. The ball broke for West's John Panagis, who tried to chip goalkeeper Warwick Young, but as the O'Shea brothers went up, West's Nick Malavazos joined them and created enough confusion to force the unfortunate Mike to head the ball into his own net.

The Saints powered back and it was Ricoy who netted in the 12th minute from a low cross by Koczka.

West grabbed the lead again in the 36th minute when Neil McGachey, playing in midfield for the first time this season after operating as sweeper, sent over a free-kick from the left which giant stopper Brenton Hiern let drop to his feet before slotting it home.

But three minutes later, the home fans were again stunned when Koczka netted after a low cross from Stone on the left was missed by the diving Sproul and the West's defenders.

Minus veteran genius Dez Marton up-front and Socceroo stopper David Ratcliffe as well as keeper Greedy, Saints went home happy.

WEST ADELAIDE: Sproul, Papazoglou, McGregor (Mousoulis 51), Hiern, Honeyman, McGachey, Panagis, Brown, Papadopoulos, Konstantopoulos, Malavazos (Stamatelopoulos 73).

ST GEORGE: Young, Skeen, Barton, M.O'Shea, Stone, Slater (Papas 79), Koczka, J.O'Shea, Danaskos, Petkovski (Batten 60), Ricoy.

REFEREE: D. Campbell.

CROWD: 1,236.

TEAM TALK WITH A DIFFERENCE

FRIDAY night's tactics talk for the Brisbane Lions team wasn't the usual "you mark him" affair.

Instead, coach Gordon Arrowsmith had a list of his players' individual achievements written on the blackboard ... and he said that inspired their 4-3 victory over Blacktown City at the Gabba Stadium.

"The players recognised what each has achieved, and they went out with more respect and were more willing to work for each other," Arrowsmith said.

"We also reminded Mr de Bruin of his comments in the press after our last game that we were the worst team in the League."

Blacktown took the lead after 15 minutes when John Larkin knocked the ball in from close in front following a build-up involving seven players.

However, Lions took a 2-1 half-time lead with goals from Alan Hunter, with a header from a Joe Cairney cross, and

Clarke Anderson, who scored after Demons keeper Barry Hoare failed to clear a high ball.

Cairney scored two goals in the second period, with Blacktown also scoring two, through Phil O'Connor and Adam Sandy, but unable to snatch an equaliser.

BY BRAD EARL

Much credit for Lions' victory must go to strikers Cairney and Calvin Daunt for their non-stop running and strength in the air.

Blacktown central defenders Cliff Pointer, who went off injured at half-time, and Chris Dunleavy played well in the difficult conditions, particularly as Lions main tactic was to hit the ball high at the two target-men.

The Blacktown team was reorganised in the second half, with Micky Quarmby moving to sweeper and Dunleavy taking over as stopper. Quarmby was probably Demons' most dangerous attacker from his midfield position in the first half.

Blacktown coach de Bruin blamed a lack of enthusiasm for his team's defeat.

"We didn't have the will to compete that we had last week," de Bruin said. "We gave them the goals — that was the problem."

BLACKTOWN: Hoare; Skellern, Shaw (Wellbourne 81), Dunleavy, Pointer (Sandy 45); Quarmby, Selvage, Byrne, Thornthwaite; Larkin, O'Connor.

BRISBANE LIONS: Farrow; Jackson, Niven, Vasquez, Hunter; R.Stewart, J.Stewart; McDonagh, Cairney, Daunt (McSkimming 86), Anderson.

REFEREE: G. Power.

CROWD: 520.

BANOVIC TO RETURN

BY ROGER VERNON

MELBOURNE CROATIA's long-serving goalkeeper Peter Blasby might have played his last National League game in the 2-1 win over Sydney Olympic.

Croatia have signed up former Heidelberg United and Derby County goalkeeper Yakka Banovic.

Banovic has expressed his desire to return to Australia and try for a position in the National squad.

Meantime, Croatia scored yet another good win under new coach Tony Vrzina to maintain their challenge for the National Conference title.

The home team went into the lead after 25 minutes with Joe Biskic heading in a free-kick by Gojevic.

Sydney Olympic responded with the equaliser. Marshall Soper pushed the ball forward and it floated into the area where lurking Jim Patikas hammered it home.

Croatia scored the winning goal in the 70th minute through young midfielder Markovac. He beat Meier from close range after being fed an accurate pass by David

Brogan.

Olympic deserved at least one point from the outing. They produced most of the entertainment, but failed to capitalise on their chances.

MELBOURNE

CROATIA: Blasby, Curcio, Lewis, Deankovic, Hannah, Antolovic, Markovac, Biskic, Gojevic, Brogan, Cumming.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier, Rogers, Jennings (Dakos 64),

Lambropoulos, Coady, Phillips, Raskopoulos, Patikas, Soper, K a t h o l o s , Theodorakopoulos.

REFEREE: J. Fearn.

CROWD: 2,000.

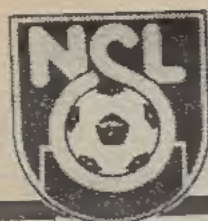
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ROUND UP

FRANK'S GOAL BREAKS HOODOO

A GOAL by substitute Frank Mengotti only two minutes after he had taken the field broke Brisbane City's home loss hoodoo with a 2-1 win over Parramatta Melita at Spencer Park.

Mengotti, who had been relegated to the bench in a City reshuffle, cracked the winner with a powerful shot from the edge of the penalty box in the 79th minute.

The goal came after Melita were caught drastically short at the back, giving City a four-on-two situation.

Bobby Hamilton ran at the Melita full-backs then pushed the ball wide to the unmarked Stephen Glockner.

A desperate lunge by Col McAusland blocked Glockner's shot but Mengotti gave Melita keeper Chris Hummel no chance when he hit the rebound high into the corner.

City, who had trained

on match morning in an attempt to break their run of home losses, started the match with a new-look defence and forward-line.

BY GREG RUSSELL

Steve Perry went to sweeper and Mike Milovanovic to full-back, while former right-back Luciano Fabrizio went into the forwards to partner Glockner and the reinstated Hamilton.

Both sides showed a commitment to attack early on, and twice City swung the ball across the Melita goal after attacking down the flanks.

But City's 15th minute break-through came

after a quick series of passes through the middle.

Glockner, who had started the move, finished it off with a powerful low shot into the far corner of the goal.

The Melita defence appealed for offside, and while Glockner was safe having run onto the ball, Hamilton wide on the left seemed to be in a doubtful position.

But if Melita were unlucky to concede that goal, things unexpectedly went their way for the equaliser.

Kim Wishart and Perry had a complete misunderstanding and the City keeper rolled the ball out only for John McKie to race in between the

pair and poke the ball into the net three minutes from the break.

Wishart and Hummel both made good saves during the second half to keep the scores level. But once Mengotti broke through with the winner, City were never in danger of losing their lead.

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart, Milovanovic, Perry, Liddell, Bromfield, Fabrizio, Pimblett, Omaye, Swan (Mengotti 77), Glockner (Walsh 86), Hamilton.

PARRA MELITA: Hummel, McAusland, McGinn, Wilson, Tredinick, Davies, Farrugia (Allan 65), Jamieson, Laing, McKie, Johnston.

REFEREE: B. Monteverde.

CROWD: 416.

PRESTON POUND PENRITH

BY DAVID BECK

PRESTON finally broke a five match losing streak by thrashing Penrith City 6-0 at Connor Reserve.

Robert Dunn and Zarko Odzakov were in tremendous form for Croatia.

Dunn opened the scoring after 23 minutes and Graham Heys raised his team's hopes of breaking a drought with the second goal in the 34th minute.

Dunn struck for the second time in the 36th minute and diminutive winger George Campbell scored Preston's fourth goal right on half-time.



ZARKO ODZAKOV

Preston returned to the game more eager than their opponents and increased their lead to 5-0 three minutes before time when Heys added his second goal.

Odzakov capped a brilliant performance with the final goal for the day in the 89th minute.

The win gave Preston much-needed confidence after their recent horror stretch.

Penrith lost key attacker Roy Cotton in the 63rd minute when he went off with a back injury.

PRESTON: Potter, Opatinas, Petrovski (Balevski 81), Dobson, McMillan, Campbell, Odzakov, Dunn, Heys, Cole, Luchessi (Kotovski 81).

PENRITH: Gibson, Brogan, Cross, McIntosh, Daley, Hale, Campbell, Waterspoon (Nix 45), Jackson, Cotton, Hunter (Easthorpe 45).

REFEREE: J. Fokianos.

CROWD: 1,500.

'NODDY' SHOWS TOUCH

BY HARRY HALL

FORMER Socceroo star Adrian Alston made an impressive comeback in Wollongong's 1-1 draw against Sunshine George Cross at Chaplin Reserve.

Alston came on as a substitute in the 75th minute and, although slightly bulky, he showed some of the touches which made him one of Australia's greatest forwards.

His appearance was the only highlight of a dull game.

The fans were treated to poor quality football in the cold and rain.

As the game unfolded it became obvious that neither side had the ability to master the conditions and take control. Sunshine George Cross had some good moments mainly through the brilliant midfield work of Slobodan Jovanovic.

George went into the lead after 17 minutes with Faulkner but their hopes for a home win were shattered four minutes before full-time when Glen Fontana found the gap and the equaliser.

Wollongong had experienced Peter Willis sent off in the 80th minute.

Sunshine missed an opportunity to regain the lead in the last few seconds through Ossie Latif but Wollongong goalkeeper Ron Tilsed was equal to the occasion.

SUNSHINE: Costello, Taylor, Cecere, Bennett, Bain, D.MacLaren, Faulkner, Jovanovic, Toal, McGorian, Latif.

WOLLONGONG: Tilsed, Green, Fleming, Vlietstra, Dickson (Alston 75), Bundalo, Willis, Kotamanidis, Gaffney, Beggs, Fontana.

REFEREE: S. Zoumas.

CROWD: 1,500.

SYDNEY CROATIA import Zeljko Jurin came into his own after a passive start to collect the equaliser in a 3-3 draw with Adelaide City in the Marconi Stadium double-header.

The goal got Croatia out of jail, as they had caved in and were trailing 2-3 after establishing an early 2-0 lead.

Jurin's goal arrived via a free-kick on the right from Brett Woods, which Drago Tomasich headed square across the face of goal to the lurking Jurin.

Croatia started like a ball of fire with early goals from Graham Arnold then centre-back Bruno Vidaic, but their promise was not sustained.

Soon Adcity began to come out of their shell and the energetic Steve Maxwell scored from right in front with a left-foot poke for a 2-1 half-time scoreline.

Keeping the scoring down became the particular task of goalkeeper Willie McNally, who was right in his stride to foil determined attempts from both Arnold and Nelio Borges.

No sooner had the second half opened than Paul Shillabeer sent over a well-placed free-kick for Neville Flounders to rise splendidly and beat Steve Watson with his head.

Vedran Rozic moved up

to add weight to Croatia's attack but it was Adcity's Mark Gatenby who scored his first goal for the club as Tomasich and Watson struggled in vain to clear.

BY KEITH GILMOUR

Chances kept coming. At 3-3 Croatia applied more pressure through Jurin and Arnold but without any change to the score.

Croatia is still without Emil Dragicevic and club officials say it will be two or three weeks before his clearance arrives.

SYDNEY CROATIA: Watson: Woods, Vidaic, Rozic, Tomasich: Savor, Godzik, Jurin, Arnold, Borges, Clinch.

ADELAIDE CITY: McNally: Shillabeer, Dods, Nyskohus, Flounders, Tobin, Gatenby, Mullen, Maxwell, Rankin, Devito.

REFEREE: P. Rampley.

CROWD: 4,324. (double-header).

Adelaide City's Steve Maxwell (right) takes on Sydney Croatia's Nelio Borges in the 3-3 draw.



GREEN GULLY TAMED WILD WIND

BY NEIL JAMESON

GREEN GULLY AJAX prelude a weekend of Victorian National League dominance by downing Newcastle Rosebud 2-1.

Soccer almost played second fiddle to a 40 knot nor-wester in a match transferred from Adamstown to Blacksmiths because of a water-logged pitch.

Green Gully ran with the gale in the first

half and Jimmy Williams pressed home the advantage in the 19th minute by bending his 30 metre free-kick into the top corner of the goal.

Newcastle's wind-assisted second half looked sure to provide

the difference as the home team stormed back through Andy Johns' 63rd minute equaliser.

The chance came from Ralph Maier's 30 metre daisy-cutter which hit the foot of the post for Johns to prod home.

However, Green Gully's against-the-wind tactics were superior to Newcastle's and the difference came through a terrible defensive blunder in the 69th minute.

Replacement midfielder Steve Allen left the ball to roll out of play over the goal line but the wind kept it in for Paul Lewis to pounce.

Goalkeeper Clint Gosling brilliantly par-

ried a point-blank shot but the ball rebounded for Lewis who made no mistake with his second chance.

NEWCASTLE: Gosling, Maier, Power, Brandt, Thompson, McQuarrie, Senkalski, Kerby (Allen 45).

Milosevic, Jones (Todd 73), Johns.

GREEN GULLY: Denys, McClelland, Hogben, Carter, Cannell, Wade, Smart, Vassallo, Lewis, McGuinness, Williams.

REFEREE: T. Seacy.

CROWD: 350.

TOUGH TALKING AT ST GEORGE

FRANK AROK and Alex Pongrass will have had something to say to one another on Arok's return from overseas.

BY MIKE JOHNSON

What they had to say I do not know, but what I do know is that Alex Pongrass, president of St George, does not like his club near the bottom of a league.

With St George struggling this must be a hard fact to accept for the St George administration after the success of recent years.

This success came as a result of Arok's return from Yugoslavia after an absence of several years.

eral years.

However, his appointment as national coach, coinciding with a reduced budget and latterly, several injuries to key players, has sent last year's champions tumbling down the league.

The gradual decline of Dez Marton is also beginning to be noticeable, and the young strikers, Robbie Slater and Andy Koczka, are unable to totally compensate.

pensate.

Slater in fact is now the leader of the attack, with Marton sidelined through injury.

At the other end of the field, Warwick Young, previously with my current club Fairy Meadow, is in goal in place of the injured Terry Greedy.

Young is the brother of the St George and Australian Rugby League star, Craig Young.



ANDY KOCZKA (left) shields the ball from Gerry Gomez: Koczka is one of the Saints new young breed.

ROBBIE SLATER

Writes for ASW

CONSISTENCY COUNTS

CONSISTENCY is the main ingredient when you want to win championships.

This is why Sydney City will win the title this year — year in year out they always play in the same consistent manner.

No other team in the league can match them this year.

Only recently Marconi have shown the consistency that is needed but it's just a bit too late for them to catch up to the leaders.

Last year St George went about their task in a quiet but consistent manner although we won the title in the last round.

In recent years teams like Sydney Olympic and South Melbourne haven't been able to show consistency and this is probably why they haven't won any titles... even though they have had the players.

TIPS

SHOOTING is the most important way to score goals.

Many experienced and skilful players keep their eye on the ball when approaching it and hit it cleanly. Remember, keep the ball down and do not have too big a back lift.

One of the most vital parts of a striker's role is speed. There are different ways in which you can improve your speed.

Shorten your stride when sprinting and practise six or seven short sprints of 10-40 metres at each training session.

SAINTS DOWN BUT NOT OUT

MANY people have been quick to bag St George over their performances in the NSL competition this year.

With the loss of key players — through injury as well as transfer (Paul Wilkinson) — it was always going to be hard to defend our title.

Going by our pre-season form I thought Saints would be up with the leaders now.

We were hampered by a spate of injuries to key players and our task became twice as difficult. Injuries to Robbie O'Shea (broken leg), David Skeen (broken hand) and more recently Dez Marton (hamstring) have hit our team severely.

There is no substitute for experience.

Although these setbacks have ended our 1984 title challenge, we can look forward to a brighter future with the emergence of many young talented players.

Andy Koczka, Pedro Ricoy, Dave Batten, Peter Petkovski and Tony Danaskos have been thrown into the fray and can only benefit from



DEZ MARTON (right): his injury has had a big effect on St George.

the experience.

Despite their great performances, I feel it was all too much at once. Blooding so many new inexperienced players at the same time like we did, just cannot be

done at this level.

Hopefully with the return of Marton and O'Shea and with Skeen back in the first team we can make a desperate bid to win a spot in the top-five play-off.

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THESE STARS DON'T SHINE

THE great "guest" experiment has failed again — this time for Adelaide City.

As midfielder Nello Scarpa and striker Tommaso Talarico flew back into the Italian sun after six weeks in Australia, City were no better off than before the pair arrived.

Financially, they forked out to pay, and bring the players here, and finished up worse off in the NSL table and with no increase in gate takings.

The players can't be blamed. They come from what is a "regional" club.

They were not big name players from Juventus, Roma or Naples.

Scarpa, 31, looked good in midfield, but as a ball player and ball artist, was not prepared to put himself about in the hurly-burly all-running, physical Australian game.

Talarico, 29, looked the part at times, but one league goal was not enough, and he spent a lot of his time telling his new team-mates where they went wrong.

Big-name stars, or short-term mini-stars, will only play to "exhibition" standards when they have their bread and butter pay to make at home.

The only stars who will lift our game are the likes of Dixie Deans, whom City signed years back on a full season contract with another to come.

BY TOM MCKAIN

We need people like Frank Worthington and Tommy Hutchison, the veterans who "joined" Manchester United for the World Soccer Series.

These two immediately come to mind when thinking of players who can bring in fans and help gain points — if they are signed for a season, or the latter part of the season.

When George Best visited Australia we

had the perfect example of what guests expect.

When he turned out for West Adelaide against Adelaide City, both teams agreed to play as near to "exhibition" Soccer as they could.

They did this and apart from once, Best was not hammered into the ground or followed around like a shadow.

What a pity Adelaide City has not been able to dig up another Dixie Deans, a striker who came into the league seven weeks late and finished as the country's top scorer.

That is the type of player our Soccer needs from overseas.

MORE PLANNING

I, along with the many supporters of Newcastle Rosebuds United, sincerely trust that the people who control the NSL will put a bit more thought and intelligent planning into the programming of fixtures for next season, and restore the commonsense home and away games on a regular basis.

Here in Newcastle we have not seen our team play for five weeks. The Adamstown Rosebuds Club, along with the Northern Soccer Federation have performed the proverbial miracle in keeping alive our United team despite minimal assistance from the NSL and against a hostile and discriminatory local TV, both ABC and commercial,

LOST FORM

I HAVE been a Sydney Olympic supporter for a number of years and one thing I cannot understand is the recent poor form of striker Mark Koussas.

In 1981 he represented the Australia Youth team in the World Youth Championships with distinction winning the golden boot award.

What disappoints me is his form during the past two years.

Does he get on with his fellow Olympic players? Does he need a new club? Should he have transferred to St George when coach Frank Arok showed some interest in him at the beginning of last year?

I don't know but can only hope that this young player bounces back up. No-one likes to be written off at 21.

OLYMPIC FOREVER,
Ashfield, NSW.

NAME-CALLING

I AM writing in reply to Keith Gilmour's article that it is up to the referees to stamp out insults and name-calling.

It is not up to the referee to do so, it is up to the coaches of both teams. The ethnic-backed clubs bring on the insults by talking in their own language, because often it is not just instructions that they pass on to each other. I know this as several players in my



as well as other sections of the media. We need all the assistance we can receive, especially in the playing of home fixtures on a regular basis.

I sincerely hope that the directors of Channel 0-28 will make a far stronger effort to establish themselves in the Hunter Valley as soon as possible, and so give the many thousands of television starved

Soccer fans a much-needed service. We all enjoyed very much the special televising of 0-28 programmes by the ABC especially the telecast of the games between Australia and Glasgow Rangers and Manchester United. Only for this unexpected and delightful surprise we in this district would not have seen them.

JACK MENNIE,
Gateshead West, NSW.



MARK KOUSSAS

team have ethnic backgrounds and they are able to interpret what the opposition is saying. If the ethnic players want to cut out the so-called racism then they should talk in English — after all this is Australia, an English-speaking nation.

Mr Ankudinoff should realise that the ethnic clubs usually bring the name-calling on to themselves. Whatever happened to the old proverb of turning the other cheek? Mr Ankudinoff does not want

the ethnics to be called names, but what happens when one of the ethnics calls one of our players a name in his own language? Nothing can be done unless the referee can understand his language. This problem is monumental and probably will never be solved.

Get on with the game, Mr Ankudinoff — it is a great game don't start spoiling it with trivial offences.

ANNOYED PLAYER,
Penrith, NSW.

CONGRATULATIONS

FIRST let me congratulate both Australia "A" and "B" Soccer teams after putting up such a good show against their latest overseas opponents.

Your editorial of July 10 was excellent. Up here in Brisbane, between the radio and newspaper correspondents, all we get is Rugby League, Union and Aussie Rules.

Comments by Mike Johnson and Tom Anderson also made a lot of commonsense. Mike Johnson's article asked "is Australia Soccer too aggressive?" I go along with him in everything he says.

In Tom Anderson's article, it is clear the financial side of the game leaves a lot to be desired. We had two Ampol Cup matches played here which were really worth going to see. Brisbane Lions played St George at the same

time. How about NSL and Premier League officials getting together and making sure that the three matches were played at the most suitable venues. I'm sure real Soccer followers would gladly watch the three games on the same day.

Mr Brusasco mentioned the possibility of an overseas tour, referring to the Merlion Cup which is played in October in Singapore. Mr Stowell the Queensland coach, reckons there should be more State games so that we could attract the attention of Mr Arok, and I quite agree.

I would like to give him a side from the State League to beat his Queensland team: Brett Beaves (Acacia Ridge), Paul Mylonals (Easts), Ian Lawrie (Ipswich), Norm Bell (Acacia Ridge), Graham Wilson (Olympic), Mike

Cernaka (Olympic), Jimmy Hermiston (North Star), Bruce Penman (Ipswich), Craig Low (Olympic), Tom McGregor (Olympic), Ron Millman (Ipswich). I could nominate three goalkeepers — Beaves, John Bennett (Ipswich) and Stu Woodruffe (Mount Gravatt). My reserves are Peter Tyson (Coalstars), Wayne Warren (Ipswich) and Gary Bohan (Mt Gravatt). Mr Thompson, Mt Gravatt's coach might wonder why I haven't picked any of his "Liverpool" team, as he calls them. To me they play well as a team, but Stu Woodruffe and Gary Bohan are their only two outstanding players. So Mr Stowell, match your Queensland side against my State League side.

Keep the good work up in your newspaper.

S. MCGREGOR,
Imala, QLD.

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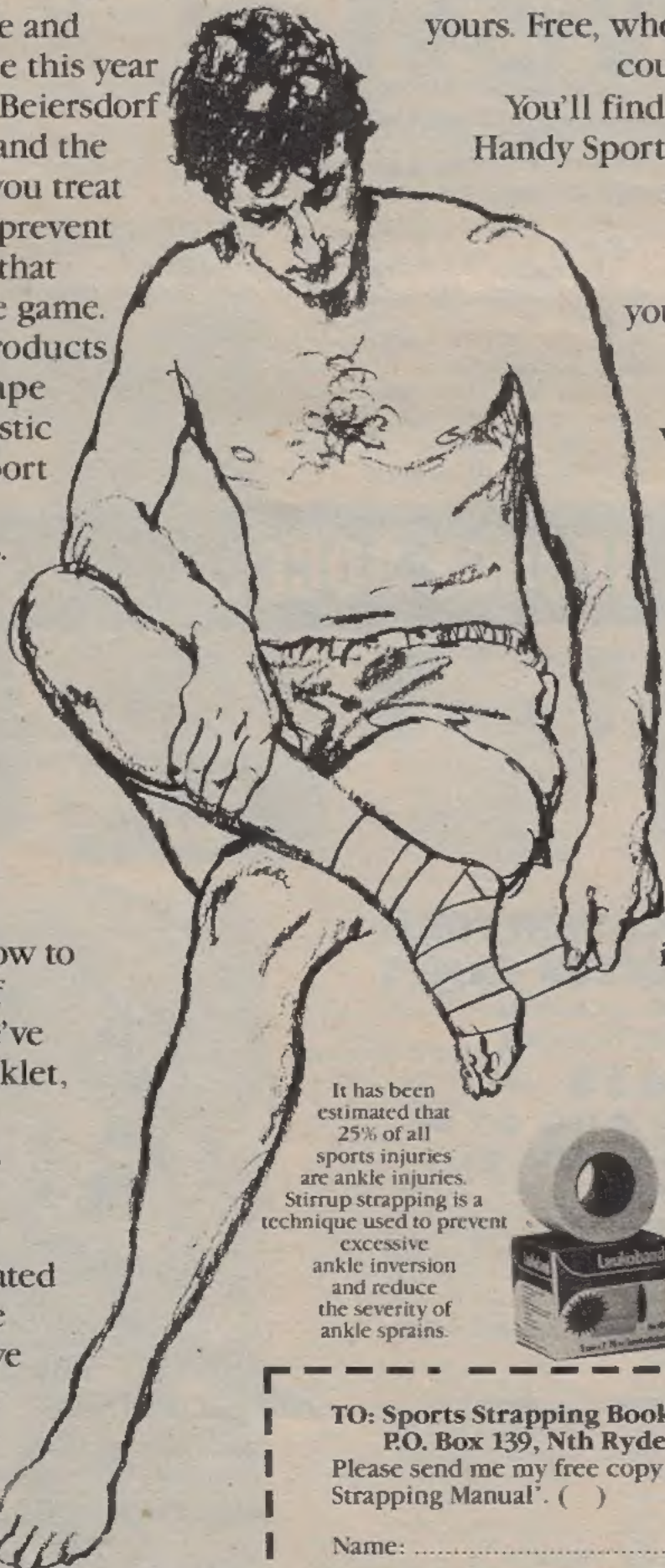
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ONE man who refuses to believe Sydney City are certain winners of the Sydney-based NSL division is Slickers coach Eddie Thomson.

"There are 10 matches to play so anything could happen," said Eddie.

NEWCASTLE are looking forward to their NSL Cup semi-final against Leichhardt at Macquarie Field, Speers Point on August 29.

The NSL is probably unaware of just how fitting it is that Macquarie Field be nominated.

Far from it being home advantage of Newcastle, it could be considered neutral territory.

Peter Tredinnick and Kerry Caban are Leichhardt players who won't mind the trip north.

As Lake Macquarie products, Macquarie Field was once their home ground and there is hardly a blade of grass they would not be familiar with.

IT'S fortunate Ansett's noon flight from Sydney to Melbourne on Sunday didn't meet with any mishaps.

There were five National League teams plus officials on the plane.

Sydney City, Sydney Olympic, Leichhardt, Wollongong and Penrith made the flight something of a "Soccer Special".

As one of the travellers observed as he boarded the plane: "It's the end of the NSL if this thing crashes!"

ROBBIE O'SHEA, long-time member of St George's injured list, is at last well on the way to recovery.

Coach Frank Arok is pleased with Robbie's progress and predicts: "He will be ready to play in our last six NSL matches."



AT least two Wollongong players have been offered a move for next season, but coach Adrian Alston certainly doesn't want to lose them.

It has been reported Alex Bundalo and David Green have definitely received firm offers, but Bundalo has already signed with Wollongong for 1985.

"It would be a tragedy if we lost any of our young players at the end of the season," Alston said.

"We will be in a reasonable financial position at the start of next year and I hope to have at least four new players in my team."

"What we must ensure is the young players who have learned their trade at the bottom this season are still with us."

Wollongong must make sure they retain the likes of Green, Peter Kotamanidis, Scott Dickson and others who have made the grade this season.

WOLLONGONG CITY coach Adrian Alston has "itchy feet" again.

He is back playing in the youth team and helping bring on the young players from the Coast — and even getting the odd goal.

"Noddy" opened the scoring in Wollongong's 4-2 win over Penrith, with talented winger Earl Canvin getting the other three goals.

It was a big day for the Wollongong coach as he had scored a goal for Radio 2 Double 0 in a charity game against the Illawarra Mercury that morning.

WHILE some people doubted the wisdom of Brisbane City coach Joe Gilroy to rush full-back Steve Perry back into his top side after two months off through injury, the former Soccerroo didn't let anyone down.

Perry, who injured a thigh muscle in the interstate clash between Queensland and New South Wales, was among City's best in their 0-2 loss to Heidelberg at Spencer Park recently.



DAVID GREEN

IT doesn't pay to be late reporting for West Adelaide on match day.

Forward John Kritikos had a car breakdown and 10 minutes cost him a game against Footscray.

Coach Sam Salsasidis did not even sit the striker on the bench, so after three years playing in Greece the former West junior, now 24, had to wait a little longer for his first full NSL match.

COMMENT from Sydney Croatia coach Harry Noon: "With our new imports, we are capable of giving any team in the National League a fright. I've even had to switch to a 4-2-4 formation to accommodate all our front-runners."

Noon says the team, despite its poor position in the NSL table, has an excellent front-line and defence.

"All I want to do now is get the midfield organised," said Harry.

BOBBY CATLIN, promoted to the first team goalkeeping spot for Leichhardt last Sunday, has been having a super season with the club's youth team.

"If you want to know why Leichhardt are on top of the youth competition table, the answer is Catlin," said general manager Frank Sbsa.

CASH, we are told, was the reason Adelaide City's third Italian guest returned to Italy instead of staying on until September as planned.

Word is that Graziano Tavoni, the least talented of the trio, asked for the same money as Nello Scarpa and Tommaso Talarico when the pair were due to return after their brief stint.

The club said no, and Tavoni, who had made one appearance and was taken off before the final whistle, took off for home.

SYDNEY CROATIA's new star from Hajduk Split, Vedran Rozic, wants to settle permanently in Australia.

Right now, Rozic has only a temporary visa and must return to Yugoslavia when it expires.

The club will do everything it can to gain the player permanent residence status.

CANBERRA ARROWS may be struggling but coach Doug Collins is not surprised.

"I was brought here to do the sort of job I did at Marconi," said Doug. "In other words, rebuild the team on a two-year plan and bring in young talent. I made no promises about a top five spot."

"Next year, though, it'll be a different story. Canberra will be a force by then. I'm sure of that," added Collins.

FORMER Brisbane Lions NSL striker Ron Millman has received an unusual request.

Millman, who now plays in the QSF Premier League with Ipswich United, received, via Lions, a letter from Hungary asking for an autographed photo of himself.

MARTIN DRIENE, the latest Marconi discovery, seems sure to be a star of the future.

At 17, Martin, is slowly being blooded in the first team and looks the goods.

"The boy can play in defence, midfield or up-front," said Marconi coach Les Scheinflug. "I have high hopes for him."

LEICHHARDT general manager Frank Sbsa strongly denies a story that his club was upset about having to travel to Melbourne to play Heidelberg in Sunday's NSL challenge round.

"In fact, we asked the National League to play the game in Melbourne," said Sbsa.

Why should a title-chasing team prefer to play away?

Sbsa explains: "In the last inter-conference challenge match, my club played at home and was \$1,600 out of pocket on the day. That's the reason Leichhardt travelled to Melbourne last Sunday."



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GILROY OFFER

BRISBANE CITY has given a vote of confidence to coach Joe Gilroy by offering him the position for 1985.

In recent weeks experienced players of the calibre of Peter Tokesi and Billy Wilkinson were told to look for new clubs as Gilroy began bloodling new players for 1985 and beyond.

"Joe has helped the club achieve exactly what it wanted to this year," club secretary John Ponturo said.

"This season always

was going to be a transition year and our target was to have a winning team by 1985.

"As far as we are concerned, Joe will be here next year to carry on the work."

Gilroy, a high school teacher, has not yet formally accepted City's offer but it would need a major turnaround of events for him not to be at the helm in 1985.

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THREE GOALIES FOR OVERSEAS SAFARI

WHEN the Socceroos take off on their world tour on November 1, three places in the touring squad will be filled by goalkeepers.

That's what ace Socceroo coach Frank Arok wants and his wish will be granted.

This of course is a wise decision and covers the possibility of injury to one of the keepers on what will be a very demanding tour.

BY TOM ANDERSON

At this stage, only coach Arok knows which three goalkeepers will pack their bags.

Obviously it is too early for Arok to disclose his thoughts, as anything can happen from now until the Aussie domestic scene is over.



ANTHONY FRANKEN

My choice for the goalkeepers for the tour would be the trio who played in the recent World Series — Terry Greedy, of St George, Anthony Franken, of Canberra and Tony Pezzano, of Sydney City.

Best in Trade

They are the best at their trade and indeed have earned the right to national squad recognition.

No doubt there will be some support from different quarters for others such as Marconi's Bruce James, Heidelberg's Jeff Oliver, South Melbourne's Peter Laumets and Brisbane City's Kim Wishart.

All are fine players, but in my opinion a shade behind the World Series trio in all-round goalkeeping ability.

Without doubt the goalkeepers will be the key men during the tour and against the tough Chinese and professional European opposition they will be under

great pressure at all times.

The ideal goalkeeper in anybody's books would surely be a big man around the six foot mark and Messrs Greedy, Franken and Pezzano are in this category.

Composure

He must also have an ideal temperament and be composed at all times, for a goalkeeper with a nervous disability is a liability no national team can afford.

Courage, quick reflexes, good hands, anticipation, total concentration and an authority to command his goal area are other prime requirements.

Let's face it, a bad mistake or a moment's lack in concentration by a goalkeeper, can completely ruin the good work of his team-mates.

Good concentrated training develops technique and produces good goalkeepers.

Probably the hardest ingredient to perfect in the technique of a goalkeeper is knowing when to leave his line and when to stay at home.

Even the best in the world make mistakes in this department.

Good goalkeepers also do

their homework and get to know their opposition before a game.

This does not only apply to where an opposing player may hit a penalty kick, but indeed, all about an opposing striker's play — his shooting habits, the foot he favours, etc.

When a goalkeeper has done his homework correctly, this enables him to make difficult saves look easy by knowing where to position himself at the decisive moment.

Homework

And in these days of television and video recorders there is no excuse for a top goalkeeper not to have done his homework.

Terry Greedy is undoubtedly Australia's leading goalkeeper and is a man who consistently makes difficult saves look easy.

A school teacher, Greedy is an educated custodian, who knows his geometry and all about angles.

His play reminds me of the all-time great Irish goalkeeper Pat Jennings and the former Scotland and Spurs goalkeeper Bill Brown.

This pair were as safe

as houses and two men you would trust catching your best China!

Like this talented twosome, Greedy goes about his job with the minimum of fuss and the maximum efficiency.

Inspired

His performances in the series against England last year, the Merlion Cup win in Singapore and the recent World Series inspired the whole Socceroo team.

His throwing and distribution is also top class and, as well as being the last line in defence for Australia, he is the first line in attack.

Canberra keeper Franken is a youngster in a hurry.

Although still a bit wet behind the ears, he makes up for his lack of experience by magnificent reflexes and perfect attitude.

Nothing flusters this youngster, who probably experienced the toughest baptism in the international arena than any goalkeeper on record.

It came at the World Youth Championship Finals last year when he was chosen to make his debut for Australia against host nation Mexico at the Aztec Stadium.

Well, we all know what happened there — the Aussie team was around two hours late arriving at the stadium after being held up in a traffic jam and the players had to get out the bus and run the last mile of the journey to the stadium.



TONY PEZZANO

The capacity crowd of 110,000 was by then very hostile and it was definitely not the perfect atmosphere to make your international debut.

But it did not perturb this talented youngster and he was positively brilliant.

Since then he has gone from strength to strength and is a capable deputy for Greedy.

Pezzano, the third member of the trio, is another young giant who has all the requirements to be an expert at his trade.

Although a bit flashier than the other two, Pezzano has

the valuable factor of consistency in his play.

He has conceded less goals this season — 12 in 17 NSL outings for Sydney City — than any other goalkeeper in the competition, surely an achievement that speaks for itself.

So there you have it, in my opinion the three best goalkeepers in Australia at the present time: three talented performers who have all the credentials to carry the Green and Gold of Australia into battle on any Soccer arena — anywhere in the world!

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APIA GEARED FOR SAINTS

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

BEWARE of the wounded bull APIA Leichhardt on Sunday. It will be looking for prey against St George at Henson Park.

Coach Fil Botalico's Australian Conference aspirations were dented by the Heidelberg loss, and is

— AND BIG DINNER

team will be looking for blood on Sunday.

The Saints, on the other hand, escaped from South Australia with a valuable point against West Adelaide, but will again be without crack-striker, Dez Mar-ton, who is hampered by a

lingering hamstring injury.

Saints tough defender David Ratcliffe will be back in the side after missing last Sunday's match with an injury.

APIA general manager Frank Sbisà said: "The match will be a good one. And it will be good news for some lucky spectator at the ground during half-time."

"All our former players and officials, plus club supporters are invited to attend and join in the celebrations. Dinner and drinks will be at the all inclusive cost of \$25 per head."

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"There is a valuable mystery prize to be won, also for our following two home matches against Marconi and Brisbane Lions."

Sbisà added: "This is a special year for the APIA club. It's our 30th Foundation Anniversary. We will be celebrating it with a big dinner-dance on Friday, August 17.

WHERE'S INCENTIVE FOR YOUNGSTERS?

ASKS NEIL JAMESON

NORTHERN NSW, so long an important area in Australia's efforts to produce class players, is struggling to maintain its reputation as one of the nation's great Soccer nurseries.

After 11 weeks at the helm, young players and the coaching staff of their problems.

Kaiser, the 1983 NSL Coaches' Coach of the Year, this week discussed the challenges facing players, administrators and coaches in the North.

Jennings, Marshall Soper and perhaps David Lowe and Peter Tredinnick will have important parts to play in Australia's next challenge.

"The current crop of young players in the North is as good as we've had in the past and I feel that with the right coaching we can turn some into fine, mature footballers."

"But the lack of incentive in the game makes it hard for youngsters to make the sacrifices needed to get to the top. There are plenty of young players wanting to give it a go, but the simple truth is that economics won't permit it."

"When I was at Newcastle United I saw young players drop out of university, train three hours a week in gyms during the summer and work harder at their game than you'd expect from full-timers in Britain or Europe."

"It's very hard to justify making those sacrifices if the returns are not there."

"Unfortunately, the challenge of self-

improvement is left very much to the individual player and it's a fact of life that many young Aussies do not have the discipline of their counterparts in professional clubs overseas."

"For instance, many kids still don't understand the edge that an extra bit of skill provides."

"Dedication and fitness are terribly important but genuine skill is something a youngster learns at home in his backyard, in the playground or by knocking a ball against a wall for hours on end."

"Coaches are looking for skill, but it's one of the gifts a coach can't offer a player."

"For all these reasons it's terribly hard to make significant improvements in the overall standard, particularly in the short term."

"If the money is not there, then players will look to prestige as a form of incentive. This can come down from the top via a strong national team and a viable club competition."



"Northern NSW has been very important to Australian Soccer, but we've not always had the means to help young players reach

their ultimate potential. "Ray Baartz and Col Curran were vital components in the 1974 World Cup squad and I'm certain Graham

WOLVES SAVE \$50,000

BY KEITH GILMOUR

BEING prepared to languish at the bottom of their NSL group for the year has proved a blessing for the Wollongong City club.

The search for instant success brought the Wolves to a position where they were \$126,608 in debt at last November.

Action taken to reduce outstandings dropped the figure down to \$76,855 at June 30. In round figures, that is a \$50,000 improvement.

The \$76,855 is rep-

resented by \$65,000 overdraft guaranteed by directors of the club, plus a further \$12,000.

The club is aiming to improve its position by a further \$24,000 by the end of the year.

Club chairman Laurie Kelly MP has been appointed as a member of the Wollongong Showground Trust.

He is determined to see that Soccer obtains an equal share of ground dates with the Illawarra Rugby League club.

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NSW STATE LEAGUE

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SHARKS HOPES ARE JOLTED

SUTHERLAND's quest for championship honours received a severe jolt when beaten 1-0 by Ku-ring-gai at Parklands Oval.

Sutherland have slipped four points from leaders Inter-Monaro (27 pts) and Rockdale (26 pts).

Considering the miserable weather leading up to this game, the pitch, surprisingly, was in very good condition.

Both sides shared the spoils in the first half and possibly the best chance to break the deadlock fell for Sutherland's Mark Hargreaves in the 43rd minute.

His powerful header into a strong breeze dipped under the crossbar but Prentice made a brilliant finger-tip save.

This didn't deter Ku-ring-gai and they scored the vital winner in the 65th minute.

Andy Tracey, one of Ku-ring-gai's best performers, won possession and cut the ball back from the byline and team-mate Glen Jefferey drove the ball home.

Sutherland tried desperately to level but industrious teamwork from Ku-ring-gai kept them at bay.

KU-RING-GAI: Prentice, Bertram, Jesse, Bennett, Watson, Quigley, Bourke, Harper (Wil-

ROCKDALE ILINDEN, one of the most consistent teams in the State League, withstood a determined second half Bankstown rally to win 3-1 at Jensen Oval.

Ross Brown, the leading scorer in the competition, was on target once again scoring Rockdale's first two goals in the 6th (penalty) and 22nd minutes.

Bankstown, determined to shake clear of the relegation zone, pulled a goal back

when Wayne Parker followed through a shot which rebounded off the Rockdale crossbar to score.

Bankstown pushed forward looking for the equaliser. This left gaps in their defence and against the run of play Branko Karanfilovski broke clear to score in the 76th minute.

Rockdale coach Iliya Tackac, although pleased to win, commended the efforts of Bankstown to get back into the game. Rockdale face a difficult mission in quest of championship honours but Tackac is confident of success.

"This week we play Ku-

ring-gai at home and then the following week we travel down to Canberra to play Inter-Monaro," he said.

"That match against Monaro will probably determine who will win the competition. In the last two rounds we play Polonia and Manly."

"Our fate is in our own

hands," he added.

BANKSTOWN: Lohman, Agostino (Kennedy 82), Ishmael, Blackburn, Cootes, Dolton, Apanian (Pavella 45), Genc, Parker, Hassan, El Hussein.

ROCKDALE: Smith, Deane, D. Wilson, Pilovski, G. Wilson, Nasteovski, Jones, Slavski, Brown, Karanfilovski, Trajanovski.



Action from Canterbury and Inter-Monaro match at Arlington Oval.

STATE LEAGUE 1st DIVISION	1	2	3	2nd DIVISION	1	2	3
Ku-ring-gai v Sutherland Shire	1-0			Macarthur United v West United	3-2	1-1	
B'stown National v Rockdale Ilinden	1-3			Macquarie Uni v Chile Sports	1-0	5-1	
Cant.M'ville City v Inter Monaro	0-4	2-0		Sydney Maccabi v Concordia	1-3	4-4	
				Chelsea v Pagewood	5-2	3-1	
2nd DIVISION	1	2	3	3rd DIVISION	1	2	3
Fairy Meadow v Revesby Workers	0-1	1-3	1-2	Dulwich Hill v Robins	3-2	2-0	
				Nepean Rovers v L'pool City	0-4	1-2	
3rd DIVISION	1	2	3	4th DIVISION	1	2	3
Queens Park E/S v Baulkham Hills	3-1	0-1	1-3	Lithgow Workers v Hellas Poseidon	4-0	3-2	
INTER URBAN 1st DIVISION	1	2	3	ALL OTHER GAMES WASHED OUT			
Sydney Uni v Eastwood S/A	0-0	1-2					
Nineveh Eagles v Maroubra United	4-0	2-5					

NSW SOCCER FEDERATION PRESENTS TOP ACTION SOCCER DIVISION 1

SATURDAY AUGUST 4:

Avala v Yugal Knight Park

SUNDAY AUGUST 5:

Manly-Warringah v Cant-Marrickville Cromer Park

Auburn-Uruguay v Warringah-Narrabeen Mona Park

Sutherland Shire v Polonia Seymour Shaw Park

Rockdale-Ilinden v Ku-ring-gai Hurstville Oval

Bankstown-National v Inter-Monaro Jensen Oval

DIVISION 2

SATURDAY AUGUST 4:

Bathurst 75 v Penrith Utd - Proctor Park

Revesby Workers v Dee Why - Milperra Reserve

SUNDAY AUGUST 5:

Uni of NSW v Nth Bankstown - Little Bay Oval

Blacktown U v Gladesville-Hornsby - Francis Pk

Belmore v Wollongong Mac - Black Oval

Parramatta City v Artamon - Garside Park

Revesby Workers v Bathurst - Milperra Res

DIVISION 3

SATURDAY AUGUST 4:

Kingsford v Queens Park - Prince Henry Oval

Mt Druitt v Lane Cove Utd - Poppendale Park

Bondi Manne v Pt Hacking - Waverly Oval

SUNDAY AUGUST 5:

Baulkham Hills v Moorebank - Ted Horwood Res

Campbelltown City v CSI - Lynwood Park

Lane Cove v Pt Hacking - Parklea

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 8:

First grade 8.00pm 2nd grade 6.30pm

Pt Hacking v Kingsford - Seymour Shaw Pk

NEXT WEEK

DIVISION 1

SATURDAY AUGUST 11:

Warringah v Sutherland Narrabeen Fitness Camp

SUNDAY AUGUST 12:

Bankstown-National v Manly Jensen Oval

Canterbury-Marrickville v Avala Arlington Oval

Yugal v Auburn Fraser Park

Polonia v Ku-ring-gai Chopin Park

Inter-Monaro v Rockdale Marco Polo Oval

DIVISION 2

SATURDAY AUGUST 11:

Penrith Utd v Blacktown Utd - Cook Pk

Artamon v Revesby Workers - Artamon Reserve

SUNDAY AUGUST 12:

Nth Bankstown v Parramatta City - Potts Pk

Gladesville Hby v Uni of NSW - Pioneer Pk

W'gong Mac v Bathurst - Berkley Spis Grd

Dee Why v Fairy Meadow - Cromer Pk

DIVISION 3

SATURDAY AUGUST 11:

Kingsford v Moorebank - Prince Henry Oval

King Tomislav v Lane Cove - King Tomislav Pk

Bondi Manne v Mt Druitt - Waverley Oval

SUNDAY AUGUST 12:

Pt Hacking v Baulkham Hills - Seymour Shaw

CSI v Nth Ryde - Schofields Pk

Queens Pk v C'town City Erskineville Oval

North Ryde v King Tom - Waterloo Pk

FAIRY MEADOW full-back Ian Drain is home after his second trip to hospital.

Drain broke a leg recently but the bone didn't heal properly and he had to have an operation to fix the problem.

The club will stage a benefit for him at Wollongong Police Boys' Club this Saturday from 1.30pm.

Fairy Meadow have the bye this week so the competition leaders can forget about the pressure for a short time.

WARRAWONG goalkeeper Tony Mitrevski has had an appeal against a 7½-year suspension turned down by the Illawarra appeals board.

He was given the suspension after incidents which took place during the first

Division game against University.

Referee Eddie Uiterlinden reported Mitrevski attempted to head-butt a University player so he ordered him from the field.

Uiterlinden then said the goalkeeper threw the ball at him and then struck him.

Warrawong president George Stojanovski said the club appealed against the severity of the sentence because it did no warrant such a penalty.

Meantime, Uiterlinden has started a civil action against the player in line with his association's policy.

Just last month referee Peter Gleeson appeared in Court to give evidence against a player and the player was fined.



EDDIE THOMSON made a "guest" appearance at the Fairy Meadow - Belmore game recently as stand-in coach.

The Sydney City boss was standing in for regular coach John Doyle, and Fairy Meadow officials wished he had stayed home.

Thomson had his players motivated for a big game against the leaders and they scored twice in the last five minutes to force a 2-2 draw.

No doubt Doyle will have Thomson along to watch his side in action anytime.

NSW TABLES

DIV 1 - GDE 1

Monaro	18	11	5	2	55	21	27
Rockdale	18	11	4	3	36	19	26
Manly	17	8	7	2	32	12	23
S'land	18	9	9	4	28	15	28
Auburn	17	6	7	4	15	14	19
K'gal	18	5	7	6	22	27	17
Polonia	17	5	5	7	17	23	15
C-M'ville	18	5	5	8	18	35	15
Avala	17	4	5	8	23	36	13
Yugal	17	3	5	9	24	27	11
B'stown	18	3	5	10	17	42	11
W'gah	17	3	4	10	18	35	10

DIV 1 - GDE 2

C-M'ville	18	12	2	3	39	19	29
K'gal	17	12	3	2	40	11	27
Manly	17	11	3	3	45	17	25
S'land	17	10	3	4	45	19	23
Rockdale	17	8	3	6	36	30	19
B'stown	17	8	2	7	29	27	18
Auburn	17	6	5	6	26	27	17
W'gah	17	6	4	7	21	29	16
Monaro	17	4	1	12	19	42	9
Polonia	17	2	4	11	17	39	8
Avala	17	2	4	11	14	37	8
Yugal	18	2	2	12	9	43	6

DIV 1 - GDE 3

C-M'ville	16	11	2	3	34	15	24
S'land	15	10	3	2	34	15	24
Manly	16	11	1	4	36	16	23
Polonia	14	11	0	3	40	15	22
Auburn	15	9	1	5	37	21	19
B'stown	16	7	2	7	24	22	18
Yugal	14	6	0	9	17	38	10
Rockdale	18	5	0	11	17	40	10
W'gah	15	3	2	10	21	39	8
Avala	16	3	1	12	28	40	6
K'gal	15	3	0	12	11	41	6

DIV 2 - GDE 1

Fairy M	18	15	1	2	44	15	31
W'gong M	16	11	4	1	33	10	26
Dee Why	16	10	4	2	48	14	24
Bathurst	16	10	4	2	33	13	24
B'town U	17	7	4	6	36	20	18
Norths	16	7	4	5	30	22	18
Glad Hby	16	7	3	6	28	20	17
Rev Wkrs	15	6	4	5	23	18	16
Fairy M	18	8	1	8	39	46	17
Art'mon	17	8	1	8	39	46	17
W'gong M	16	5	4	7	32	32	14
Pen Utd	16	6	1	9	28	45	13
Belmore	17	4	2	11	23	43	10
Bathurst	16	4	2	10	11	36	10
Par City	16	2	4	10	22	40	8
NSW Uni	16	3	0	13	8	42	6

DIV 2 - GDE 2

B'k'town U	17	13	3	1	57	11	29
Dee Why	16	10	4	2	39	12	24
Glad Hby	16	9	3	4	33	20	21
Norths	16	8	5	3	29	20	21
Rev Wkrs	15	8	4	3	32	15	20
Fairy M	18	8	3	7	32	23	18
Art'mon	17	8	1	8	39	46	17
W'gong M	16	5	4	7	32	32	14
Pen Utd	16	6	1	9	28	45	13
Belmore	17	4	2	11	23	43	10
Bathurst	16	4	2	10	11	36	10
Par City	16	2	4	10	22	40	8
NSW Uni	16	3	0	13	8	42	6

DIV 2 - GDE 3

Belmore	17	14	2	1	64	8	30
B'k'town U	17	11	5	1	35	10	27
Pen Utd	16	11	2	3	46	22	24
Glad Hby	16	7	5	4	33	12	19
Bathurst	16	9	1	6	33	21	19
Norths	16	7	3	6	35	22	17
NSW Uni	16	7	3	6	28	18	17
Dee Why	16	8	3	7	21	39	15
Art'mon	17	5	4	8	34	42	14
Par City	16	6	1	9	21	28	13
Fairy M	18	1	6	11	17	37	8
Rev Wkrs	15	3	1	11	10	49	7
W'gong M	16	1	0	15	11	80	2

DIV 3 - GDE 1

C City	17	13	2	2	36	9	28
Q Park	18	11	3	4	40	19	26
Bondi	17	8	4	5	31	23	20
B Hills	17	8	3	6	23	29	19
King Tom	17	6	6	5	33	25	18
Pt Hack	15	7	3	5	29	28	17
Mo'bank	16	6	3	7	26	22	15
K'g'sford	16	7	1	8	24	23	15
Nth Ryde	17	6	2	9	20	21	14
Mt Druitt	17	6	2	9	21	30	14
CSI	17	3	5	8	25	41	12
Lane C	16	1	1	14	13	51	3

DIV 3 - GDE 2

C City	17	10	2	5	53	23	24
K'ford	18	11	2	3	50	24	24
Bondi	17	10	4	3	39	15	24
Q Park	18	10	2	6	41	23	22
CSI	17	10	2	5	35	31	22
Nth Ryde	17	8	4	5	30	23	20
M'bank	16	8	2	6	34	21	18
B Hills	17	7	0	10	33	31	14
King Tom	17	5	2	10	27	44	12
Pt Hack	15	4	3	8	21	32	11
Mt Druitt	17	2	3	12	26	46	10
Lane C	16	0	2	14	11	80	10

SOCCER — A REAL FAMILY AFFAIR

BY PAUL GOODWIN

THERE is always plenty of Soccer talk among the Williamson family of St Ives. The three boys all play the game at a senior level.

Youngest son Neale, 19, recently made his State League debut as a substitute and scored a vital goal. To prove it was no fluke, he got his name on the scoresheet again a week later in his first full game for Ku-ring-gai and helped his club earn a point.

Neale, the "junior," was actually the youngest to take up the game, as a four-year-old, playing Under 7's for Melita, then known as Eastern Eagles.

Eric Williamson had played Soccer in his native Scotland and settled down with his Australian wife Shirley in Matraville. It was decided when all three boys were old enough, to take the lads along to

the Eagles for training and both Neale and Graeme began with the Under 7 group while Ashley joined an older side.

At the end of 1973, the family moved to St Ives where Eric has established a painting and decorating business, and the youngsters registered with the St Ives club in the Ku-ring-gai District Association.

All three elected to trial with the representative teams, as well as turning out for the local side, but Ashley never made it into the St Ives team, preferring to play Under-14 rep. football exclusively while his younger brothers doubled up on club and representative commitments.

All three have made a name for themselves with Ku-ring-gai teams over the years and have built up reputations as ball players with good Soccer brains.

All are tall and athletic and have been encouraged by their parents to develop their sporting prowess.

Ashley took an active interest in Athletics until recently, but with studies taking up a lot of time, there hasn't been much left over for

outside interests.

They all devote a great deal of time to Soccer and it was this year-round interest which led to a broken ankle for Graeme last summer. He has only recently returned to action as a member of Ku-ring-gai's successful second grade side and is slowly making his way back to full fitness.

The injury put paid to Graeme's plans to coach earlier this year, a facet of the game which all three boys have developed by handling juniors in the St Ives club.

Graeme has his preliminary coaching badge and has been involved in passing on his skills to many youngsters and Neale has also given up a lot of his time in the same way.

Ashley has made his contribution, too, holding a referee's badge which is a distinction which many Ku-ring-gai District players can claim.

It was at Eastern Eagles that one of many teams coached by Eric made headlines by winning the competition and with it the prize of a week at the Parklea complex.

The players have all progressed through the

representative ranks with Ku-ring-gai into 3rd grade, 2nd grade and ultimately first grade with the State League outfit. In 1982 they were members of the 2nd and 3rd grade sides which won both premiership and championship of the second division.

Ashley, who moved on to Manly last season, is, at 23, the oldest and he has just begun a career as a computer analyst after completing his studies. He spent most of his previous years in Soccer as a forward and has undergone a very successful conversion to the specialist left back position with the Seaside.

Graeme who is studying accountancy at Macquarie University has played as a member of the Inter-Varsity side for a couple of seasons along with his Ku-ring-gai duties, which in the past have included the second grade captaincy.

He has made a number of first grade appearances.

"Skipper," as he is

known to most, celebrated his 21st birthday only a few weeks ago and will be aiming to reclaim a spot in the senior side before the season is out.

Neale has been dubbed "Kenny" by his team-mates, after the Liverpool striker Dalglish and his familiar loping stride has fooled many an opponent as the lad can be decep-

The Williamson brothers: Ashley (left) and Neale.

tively quick. Now in his first year of a Bachelor of Education course at Sydney University, Neale will pursue a future as a Physical Education teacher at the end of the four years study.

All the boys feel that their parents have been by far the main influence on their Soccer lives and name John Symon as the coach who has helped them the most in previous seasons, when he was at Ku-ring-gai.

It was with feelings of confused loyalties that the family gathered at Cromer Park for the recent Manly v Ku-ring-gai fixture.

With all three players taking part, mum and dad were as usual on the sidelines with words of encouragement.

When their own commitments allow, the whole family tries to get along to any match in which the sons are involved and they all support one another.

MONARO TOO STRONG

INTER-MONARO maintained their fine form of recent weeks by accounting for Canterbury-Marrickville 4-0 at Arlington Oval.

Despite the wet conditions, both sides adapted well.

Canterbury, under the guidance of new coach Kaz Kulak, held out the highly fancied Monaro attack for a majority of the first half.

It was Monterosso who opened the scoring for the visitors when he leapt up for the ball and it bounced off his shoulder and flew into goal.

During the opening stages of the second half, Canterbury looked threatening in their build-ups and created three clear-cut goalscoring chances which were not converted.

In a swift counter-attacking movement Baz Giampaolo it 2-0 and Walter Valeri pushed the score to 3-0 following good lead-up by Issac Farell.

Colbertaldo sealed the issue with a penetrating half-volley which gave the Canterbury goalie no chance.

REUNION

DEE WHY are having a reunion for past and present players on August 17 at the Manly Warringah Soccer Club located at South Creek Road, Dee Why West.

Commencing at 7.30pm, all visitors are welcome. Enquiries can be directed to Jim Preece on 918-8290.

PAUL VAN DER LEEDEN

"VAN DO", as he is affectionately known to his team-mates, is one of the finest products to come out of the Gladesville-Hornsby district.

Paul has always aimed at playing the highest grade of football available to him and consequently has progressed from NSW representation in 1978 to his present first grade position with the Gladesville team.

His dedication to the game is unquestioned. Three nights a week he trains with Gladesville's first grade team and the other two nights are spent coaching Youth League teams in the district.

Paul is a credit to the Gladesville-Hornsby district. At the young age of 20, he still has many successful years ahead of him.

NAME: Paul Van Der Leeden.

BIRTHDATE: 12/7/64.

CLUBS PLAYED FOR: North Epping Rangers U5 to U16, Gladesville reps U13 to U15, NSW U14, Gladesville-Hornsby Federation (thirds 1981-82, firsts 1983-84).

POSITION PLAYED: Goalkeeper.

OCCUPATION: Trainee electronic technician.

FAVOURITE PLAYER (Australian): John Kosmina.

FAVOURITE PLAYER (Overseas): Bruce Grobelaar.

FAVOURITE OVERSEAS CLUB: Tottenham Hotspur.

ULTIMATE AMBITIONS: To help Gladesville win promotion and to reach the highest level of Soccer possible.

MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: Beating Campbelltown City in my first grade debut last year.

BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: My dad and John Symonds.

COACH'S COMMENTS: "Paul is one of the game's true gentlemen. He loves and enjoys playing the game and his knowledge, time and experience have been of great value to the youth teams." — KEITH PIPER.

NORTH BANKSTOWN



North Bankstown, proudly sponsored by Galvanising Services Pty Ltd who are located opposite their home ground at Poits Park, have been able to assemble together talented young players and experienced State and National League players to form its 1984 first grade team. Pictured in the centre of the photo are two executives of the company, John Eyles and Bruno Mazzer. The team is (l to r) top: Shane Gallagher, Les Gabor, Craig Poole, Craig Madden, Paul Thompson (capt.coach), Mark Callinan, Craig Wilmot, Wally Lachowich, Bob Burns (manager); bottom: Darren Stephenson, Andrew Beckers, Alan Beck, Ian Parry, Ernie Campbell.

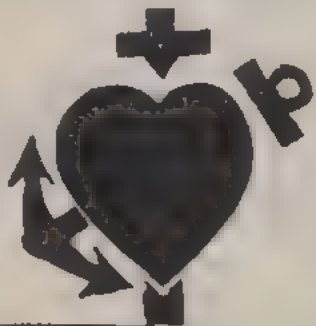
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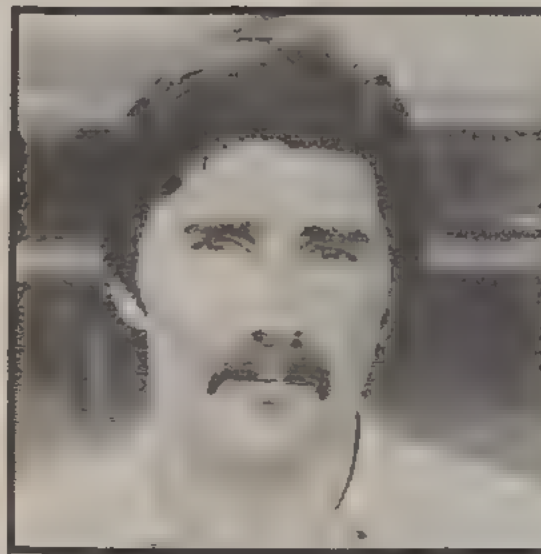
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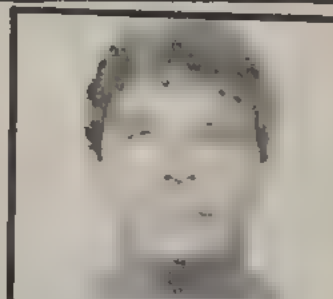
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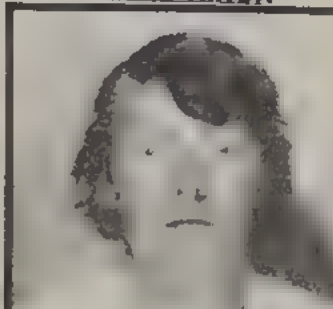
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SOCCER AROUND AUSTRALIA

A TOP SHOW

JUVENTUS-PIONEER will win the 1984 Tasmanian State League title.

They played like champions to brush aside Olympia-WPL with almost contemptuous ease, running out 3-1 winners and establishing a five-point lead in the standings with seven matches remaining.

Second-placed Olympia showed they have not got what it takes. They had two excellent scoring chances in the opening half and missed, and their defence, at times, looked like Swiss cheese as the Juventus strikers queued up for shots. Only some fine saves by Martin Burden kept the scoreline down.

Juventus gave Olympia a Soccer lesson. Ken Morton was brilliant, scoring one goal and making the other two, while John Charlton, who was in complete control at the back, even took time out to venture forward and launch attacks.

Rapid came back from a goal down at half-time to beat Caledonians 2-1.

The situation at the bottom end of the table became very tight after University beat Croatia 2-1 and Phoenix beat Metro 1-0.

WATCH OUT FOR THE THISTLES

BY GREG RUSSELL

GRANGE THISTLE, who in recent years has drifted into the wilderness of Queensland Soccer, are again emerging as a premier league championship threat.

After an indifferent season last year, and a spell in the first division the season before that, Thistle now have quietly edged their way back to the top of the premier league.

They are joint leaders with Ipswich United after a 1-0 win over former competition leaders Mount Gravatt.

Tony Bailey, who had hit a short goal drought in recent weeks after a blistering start to the season, found his scoring boots again to net Thistle's valuable winner.

The result pegged the Hawks back to third position, only a point behind the leaders, and threw a new light on the title race.

Many had considered this year's premier league to be a two-horse race between Mount Gravatt and Ipswich, but that no longer appears likely.

In fact, the competition is as tightly-packed as ever.

Acacia Ridge, who complimented their fine Ampol Cup run with a 1-0 league fixture win over Wynnum in the last round, have moved into fourth place on 13 points.

But they hold that position only on goal difference ahead of Olympic and Coalstars.

Olympic drew 1-1 with Ipswich in their last round, before last weekend's Ampol Cup semi-finals, while Coalstars were totally outclassed by Easts, the new darkhorses for a top four berth.

The Tigers, who had a

disasterous start to the year have been the form team of the mid-season and have moved from last to be only one point outside of the four.

While former Victorian Ray Pocock has been masterminding the Easts revival, the results on the park have been coming thanks to the return to form of former Brisbane City and Ipswich striker Mark Brusasco.

Brusasco netted yet another double in the 3-0 win over Coalstars to maintain his goal-a-game



MARK BRUSASCO

average over the past five fixtures. Premier league

amateurs, Taringa, now appear doomed for relegation after crashing 2-0

NEW FACES IN NSW LINE-UP

ONE-THIRD of the New South Wales senior side to play in Canberra next month is new to interstate competition at top level, and Alan Lytton seems to have looked for speed in his build-up to retain the championship this year.

ROS INGHAM, one of the goalkeepers selected for the team, comes from the strong Gladesville-Hornsby Association.

She has been playing Soccer for five years now and was originally a top netball player. Because of her safe hands, Lal Byers, the top coach for the Gladesville Association, grabbed her for a custodian position.

Roslyn played one year out on the field to get used to the game and thereafter in goal. This is her first year as a State player.

She attempted to upgrade several times in the past but had to withdraw through a recurring knee injury, which has now been righted through an operation.

JO-ANN BYERS from the same association has been playing for seven years and is making her debut as a State player.

She plays as a stopper in the Gladesville-Hornsby Association and State coach Lytton has plans for a similar position for her in the line-up.

SHARON O'DONNELL, who recently married, will also be a newcomer to interstate competition.

Sharon is a player of some six years standing and plays in the centre. She is a robust runner and has sound judgment of ball placement. **LEIGH WARDELL** is a player who needs no introduction to most of the followers of the interstate series.

An Australian player since 1978, Leigh has also represented her State since 1976. She would be one of the most experienced players in Australia in her role as a forward. Her versatility enables her coach to shift her to any position in the forward line according to his needs.

CAROL VINSON, a Soccer player for nine years now, still has the striking speed that she showed when she was selected to play for NSW in the 1981 tournament.

She has now represented her State for three years and will be the perfect foil for Wardell, who plays alongside her in the Epping-Eastwood club side.

VICKI SALMONS, from the Manly-Warringah Association, is the other goalkeeper in the side.

This is her third selection at State level, coming into the side for the

which she serves up some devastating centres. She is capable of playing in the centre, but it is felt that she is wasted in this position.

A player with six years playing experience, five of them in a State side, is the fifth selection from the Manly-Warringah district.

KRISTEN THEILE, power-

DON BALMAIN'S

WOMEN'S SOCCER

1982 championships held in Brisbane.

Lytton says that at the moment, Vicki would have to be the number one keeper, although he says that by the time the team gets to Canberra, both keepers will be fighting for the top spot.

Vicki's greatest asset is her ability to organise the backs from her position and size up a situation as it develops. Vicki is currently Australia's goalkeeper and will be touring China with the national side later this year.

MARGARET PETROV, who will be used as an attacking midfielder, first made her appearance as a top player when she went to Darwin with the NSW 1980 side under her maiden name of Langtip.

She has since married Tom Petrov, a former State coach, and last year represented NSW again in Perth.

Margaret is a very strong player against whom many a player has come off second best.

RHONDA WITHERS is another product of the Manly area and she has been carefully brought along since she went to America with the Under 14 NSW side.

To be played on the left wing by Lytton, Rhonda has a ferocious left foot with

fully built and yet capable of sustained speed runs, is a player of outstanding ability as a right full-back.

Very cool under pressure, Kris is an asset for any team and is a very capable member of the Australian side.

ROSE VAN BRUIJSEN, a player of commanding influence as a centre-back, has a new role to play this year.

Playing in the Arncliffe Scots club side and the St George representative side, both under the control of Lytton, Rose has been move upfield a little to attacking stopper.

Alan says that the new position agrees with her and she has scored some fine goals from there.

This is Rose's 10th year of Soccer and she has represented her State since 1979 with a break of only one year. Rose has represented Australia three times.

MARIE RUSSELL, from the same club and rep side as Rose, returns to State Soccer after not being available for selection in 1982.

She was selected in the team to go to Western Australia last year but had to withdraw due to a recurring knee problem.

Assured by the State coach that she is fully fit, "Artie," as she is known, will fit into the

side as left full-back.

KIM LEMBRYK originally came to prominence when she was a prolific goalscorer in the U14 side touring America in 1981.

Over the past three years, Kym has changed clubs several times which, in my opinion, has not done her Soccer much good.

Her reputation had gone before her and the clubs expected too much from her, with the resulting falling off in sharpness.

This, however, is now right behind her and she is being honed up to rapier-like attacks. A 40 metre drive into goal in a recent match proved this.

TERRI McCANN from the St George Association is a new player to State selection.

Originally from Ireland, she was too late to register with the Association last year and Lytton kept her under wraps until this season.

Probably the most experienced player in the NSW side, Terri comes from an environment where Soccer is everything. Giving 100 percent effort all of the time, she expects the same from her teammates.

Terri is an Irish international of several years standing and captained the Irish side in 1982.

Probably the longest-serving State player on the team would be **CINDY HEYDON**, who is in her 13th year of Soccer.

Cindy is such a versatile player that she could fit into any side and do well in any position. She has consistently represented her State since 1976, the 1982 season being the exception.

Cindy has represented Australia eight times and is a member of the team chosen to play in China this year.

LYNNE OLSEN from the Sutherland Association is making her reappearance on the State scene after representing NSW in Darwin in 1981.

She is a tall, robust

SA CLUBS' BAD NEWS

ADELAIDE's two National Soccer League teams could find themselves out of the State League First Division next year.

With the league at 12 teams at the moment, clubs have now called for a revamp and a switch back to a smaller league.

The general call is for eight teams from the 12 after a 10 team competition last year.

If this goes through there is no way the NSL pair will be allowed to field their reserves in First Division.

As it is, City is in the relegation zone and could be one of the two teams to be relegated, no matter what happens.

— TOM MCKAIN

CHS GIRLS COACHES

PETER ROSS of Riverstone High School coached Metropolitan West to the 1984 CHS Girls Soccer championship.

Others who handled the regional teams were: North Sydney, Lee Dunbar (Beacon High High); Hunter, Denise Collins (Gateshead High); Met East, Ed Sidhom (Kirkcaldy High); Liverpool, Owen Sinden (Cabramatta High); South Coast, Peter Pinazza (Woonona High); North Coast, Warren Bancroft (Richmond River High); Riverina, Janice Lee (Albury High).

KU-RING-GAI CUP

COUNTRY schools dominated the quarter-final round in this year's Ku-ring-gai Cup.

The results were: Orara 6, The Entrance 5; Oxley 2, Carlingford 1; Murray 6, Heathcote 1; Kirrawee 1, St Joseph Banks 0.

front-runner with a powerful kick and will be one of the mainstay attackers. Lynne is very good at heading goals from most positions.

Very fiery in her early years, Lynne has matured in her attitude on the field and will be an asset to her coach.

TRACEY WHEELER, from the Holroyd Association in Sydney's western suburbs, is a player who has benefited from the experience of being "blooded" for senior selection by playing against a lot of the senior players last season.

With her height almost comparable with Rose van Brujssen, Tracey will be playing as either a stopper or a full-back.

SUE FIELDSEND, another newcomer to the State side, comes from the South Coast club of Bulli.

She has played for the South Coast representative side for the past five years and she will be used in the midfield where her skills can be utilised.

MANDY LANGAR, from the strong Killarney Heights club in Sydney, will play in the centre.

She is cool under pressure and will be useful as an attacking centre.

It is her second year of State selection, having played in Brisbane two years ago.



Rose van Brujssen and Cindy Heydon, St George, leap high to clear the ball away from Sharon Read and Collette Fitzpatrick, Gladesville-Hornsby, in an outstanding semi-final game.



Sue Larsen (right) attempts to win the ball (from an Albury girl) with a shoulder charge.



CAPTAIN SOCCEROO

WITH JOHNNY WARREN

GOSFORD IN LIMELIGHT

GOSFORD'S Henry Kendall High proved themselves a little too strong for the Newcastle darkhorse Jesmond High in the Sixth Round of the Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup played at Austral Park, Birmingham Gardens.

The final result went 2-1 to the Central Coasters.

Despite the loss of captain Iain Robertson, out injured, the Central Coast lads put it all together in this solid encounter.

The Coasties were down a goal after just a few minutes when Peter Caban converted from the penalty spot for Jesmond.

Henry Kendall were finding their feet and looking stronger the more the game progressed.

The physically smaller Jesmond eleven were forced to defend desperately a number of times before the determined striker Derrick Caisley found a chink in the armour to level the score.

It was Caisley again who sent Kendall to a 2-1 lead and it appeared Jesmond was gone.

Then a most uncharacteristic action from goalkeeper Glen Frances saw Jesmond receive its

second penalty kick, but to his joy it was not converted. Young Steve McCrohon stood out in the Henry Kendall defence.

Once again Jesmond had no outstanding players but worked well as a team.

HENRY KENDALL: Glen Francis, Mark Shakespear, Simon Plumber, Phillip Croft, Stephen McCrohon, Angelo Stanimeros, Matt Browne, Allen Kent, Derick Caisley, Lindsay Webb, Stephen Van Doorp, Paul Croft, Gerard Powell, Marco Croffi, David Ranson (Iain Robertson injured).

JESMOND: Phillip Roberts, Peter Caban, John Presbury, Tim Lang, Adrian Brunette, Anthony Baj, Scott Nix, Paul Finch, Darren Mewett, Troy Mitchell, Jason Hemson, Tony Murnaim, Andrian Tonks.

REFEREE: Mr Jim Reeves.

—BILL TURNER

GOSFORD'S, HENRY KENDALL HIGH
Commonwealth Bank Soccer Team. Left to Right - Back Row: Graeme Craft, Darrell Finlay; Simon Plumber, Matt Browne, Stephen McCrohon, Paul Craft, Iain Robertson (Capt), Marco Croffi. Middle Row: Mr Gerard Thompson (manager/coach), Stephen Van Doorp, Derek Caisley, Lindsay Webb, Gerard Powell, Angelo Stanimeros. Front Row: Phil Craft, David Ranson, Glen Francis, Allen Kent, Mark Shakespear.

EPPING DOWNS WHITEBRIDGE

IT was thrill a minute football as Epping downed Whitebridge 2-1 at Birmingham Gardens to qualify for the semi finals of the Commonwealth Bank Cup.

Epping started off at breakneck speed and for most of the first half had the home side defending.

Neil Harris played like a man inspired. He has the uncanny ability to make goalkeepers lives a misery.

His speculative shots had the Whitebridge custodian Rodney Smith wondering where the next one was coming.

In the 12th minute one of his drives hit the post and Jamie Smith raced in to convert the effort.

The only effective attempt for Whitebridge in the first half came from Paul White and it brought out the best in Michael Pavella.

Seconds later Epping replied in kind from Graeme Dunn but Rodney Smith anticipated brilliantly.

In the second half Epping showed signs of tiring and seemed to be relying on their one goal lead.

This was just what Whitebridge needed and on a number of occasions their strikers Reece Collin and Bernard Ryan

mesmerised the Epping defence with excellent skills.

Ryan it was who brought the teams back to level terms with a magic goal. He beat three defenders to slot the ball past the hapless keeper Pavella.

It was then that Epping showed their class. Finding renewed energy, enthusiasm and a will to win, Scott Roots found himself unmarked to put the Sydneysiders ahead once more. They held on until the final whistle.

Both sides were cheered from the field and referee Brian Ray was congratulated for his excellent control.

Epping, under their astute coach Geoff Wing are a top side and could

be the team to beat in 1984.

Epping: Michael Pavella, Darren Eagleson, Todd Dewey, Robert Wood, Michael Taylor, Graeme Dunn, David Svoboda, Neil Harris, Jamie Smith, Scott Roots, John Izzard, Matt Fry, Justin Tall, Dundee Sinclair, Pieter Buining. Manager-Coach: Mr Geoff Wing.

Whitebridge: Rodney Smith, Rodney Bridges, Jason Murray, Darren Mitten, Craig Toyne, Stephen Allanby, Warwick Maher, Paul White, Reece Collin, Bernard Ryan, David Moore, Stuart Horvath, Joe Stewart, Ricki Johnston, Peter Laing, Mark Scott. Manager: Mr Phil Freeman.

EPPING SET NEW RECORD

EPPING Boys High School have already broken a record in reaching the semi-finals of the Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup.

The school previously made the quarter-finals in 1982 losing to Raymond Terrace 0-2 at Speers Point.

This Thursday night Epping face highly-rated Henry Kendall at Marconi Stadium while the other semi-finalists will come from Canterbury, Woonona, Cabramatta and Belmore.

Coached by Geoff Wing, the team is: Michael Pavella (goalkeeper), Peter Buining (reserve goalie), Mathew Fry (left-back), Colin Craig (right-back), Gregory Harris (right-back), Todd Dewey (stopper), Darren Eagleson (sweeper), Graeme Dunn, John Izzard, David Svoboda, Micheal Taylor (midfielders), Neil Harris, Scott Roots, Jamie Smith, Justin Tall (strikers).

Epping have recorded some convincing results in their quest for Commonwealth Bank Soccer

Cup success.

JAMES MEEHAN SURPRISE MANY

ONE of the surprise packages in this year's Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup competition was James Meehan

In a gripping quarter-final, they bowed out to a resilient Canterbury Boys High 2-3 at St George Stadium.

In reaching the last eight this year, James Meehan eclipsed their previous efforts in the competition.

Surprisingly, they have never progressed beyond the first round of the competition.

Credit must be given to coach Mike Edwin and

of course the players:

David Schrimgeour (goalkeeper), Muhammed Dib (left-back), John Francois (right-back), Jim Anastasiadis (sweeper), David Coates (centre-back), Diego Gonazales (left midfielder), Gary Power (centre midfielder), Alex Rodriguez (right midfielder), Mark Dumont, David Channell, Les Rodriguez (strikers).

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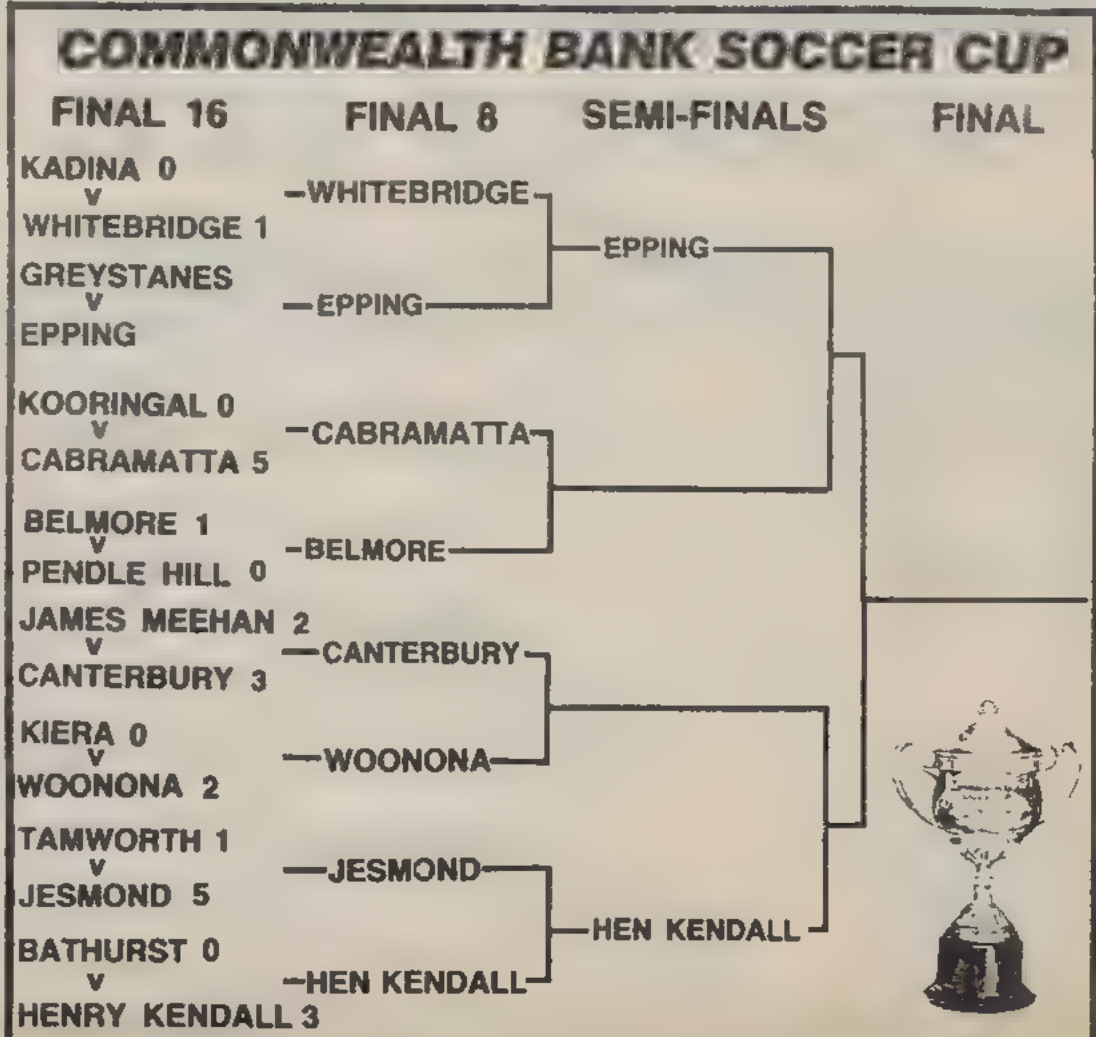


LES MURRAY was a special guest speaker at a recent function at the Canberra VIP club.

Standing (from left): Frank Farina, Jimmy Cant, Angelo Stramarcos, Charles Perkins, Anthony Franken and Jean-Paul De Marigny. Cant and De Marigny are Canberra residents. Seated: Nick Sarri, Mrs Dudge, Les Murray and Neil Dudge.

The Juventus shirt which is held up by Charles Perkins was presented to him by Italian ace Paolo Rossi and he in turn presented it to the club.

This week's special guest at the VIP club is Youth Soccer coach Jimmy Shoulder (right).



PUBLIC SERVICES MOST APPEAL

BY KEITH GILMOUR

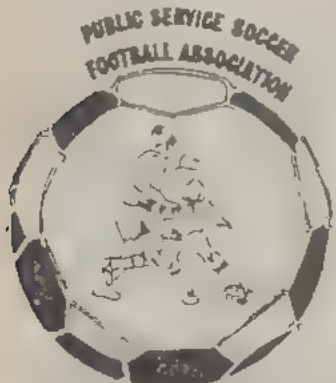
AN attempt to restrict the lunch-time Public Services Soccer competitions in the Sydney Domain have brought an unfavourable reaction from players and crowds alike.

The Royal Botanic Gardens and Domain Trust is behind the move.

Whilst the 1984 dates will remain, the Trust is aiming to cut back the existing 282 40-minute games to 176.

This would mean a couple of divisions of Public Services Soccer being wiped — quite an unacceptable situation.

The Trust has claimed that the reduction is needed to cope with "a greater use of these areas by a wide and diverse group of community organisations."



It also contends that time must be made available to restore the turf between Soccer's use and that of the Touch Association.

Soccer has had regular use of the pitch since 1950. There is no word of recognition of Soccer's long-standing occupancy in the Trust letter.

AUSTRALIAN SOC-

CER WEEKLY strongly suggests to the NSW PS SFA that it must take its case smartly to the appropriate government office — the Premier's Department.

Not only is Soccer the main football code with 38 teams, it has another six teams which would join if room could be found for them.

The Trust could be accorded some right to claim expertise over the state of grounds.

However, recently the Soccer pitch had signs affixed stating "Field not open for practice or play". The adjoining Rugby League ground was in use!

Close checking of the Soccer surface produced no wet or sloshy patches and even the worn areas were limited.

For any observer of Soccer on parks throughout Sydney, the Domain pitch is far less worn than many hundreds of others.

What then is going on? Clive Reddan and the PS SFA and his executive should approach the Premier who has the power to have the matter investigated and the present decision set aside.



A POPULAR CONTEST

PUBLIC Services Soccer in Sydney Domain has had an illustrious history.

Many of the Departmental clubs that were founded members in 1950 are still hard at it.

They are co-founders Registrar General and Police Dept., Taxation, Public Works, Government Printer, Lands, Motor Transport and Industrial Relations.

And the Sydney Morning Herald also fielded a team until the early 1960s.

The standard of play is quite high — surprisingly so in the top divisions.

Many players hail from State League Div 1, 2 and 3 clubs. Some players appear in the PS competitions only, and others are from the districts and the NSW Churches SPA.

Many famous Australian players have been among the teams over the years.

Amongst them have been Manfred Schaefer (Motor Transport), Agenor Muniz, Les Schaumann, Bruce Stowell, Frank Lang, Jim Rooney (Garden Island), Ernie Campbell (RGO), Harry Williams (Taxation), Dennis Yaager (GIO), Mike Denton (ABC), Alfie Stokes, Billy Rorke, Milja Stojanovic (Water Board), Joe Alagich and Dave Harding (Post-Tel).

Apart from the famous players who have appeared over the years, there are some leading referees who have given their services.

Doug Rennie, involved in this year's international games, is a case in point. Others to take the whistle include Barry Wilkinson, Brian Fowler and referees examiner Keith Lockrey.

In fact the late Frank Chidgey, a former international referee, organised the first competition.

Currently, life member Clive Reddan is president, Michael Mickolajczyk secretary and Bruce Langley treasurer.

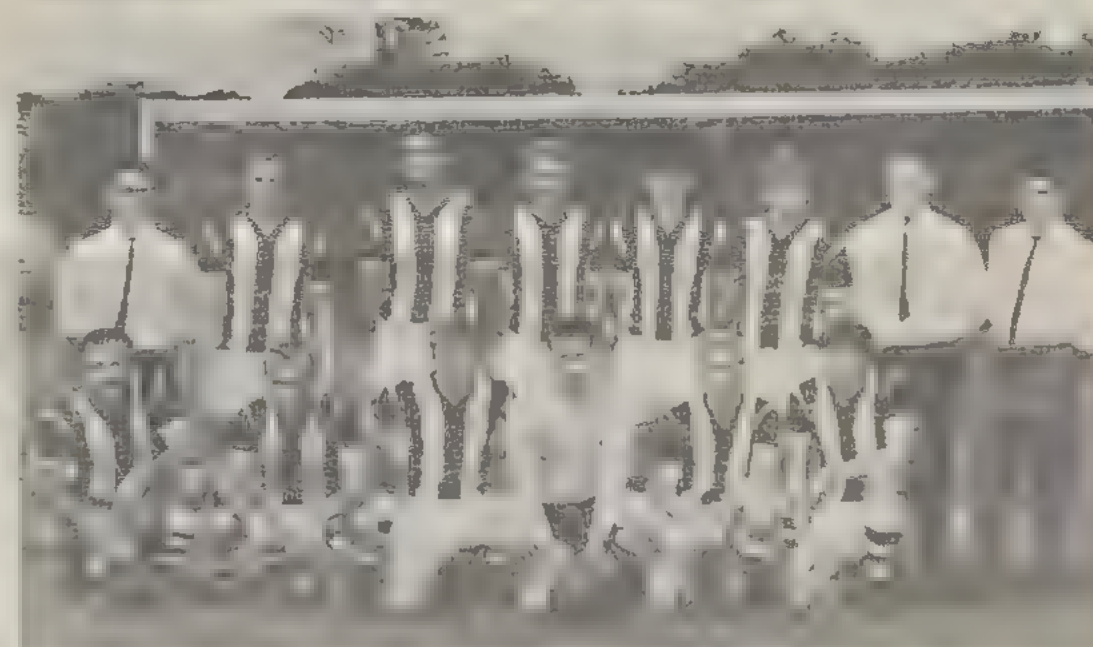
The contact point is Bruce Langley 238 2310.



THE PRINTEROOS: This is the Government Printers team that won the first Public Services competition 35 years ago. The players were: Standing: W. Birt, B. Webb, players unknown, R. Worthington, B. Barefoot, A. H. Pettifer (Government Printer). Second row: Riches, J. Geldart, A. Chidgey, J. Gould, B. Diffen, J. Lees. Front row: F. Carter, B. Preen, J. Streeter.



WATER BOARD: The Water Board team won the K.O.Cup back in 1960. Back row: R. Starr (manager), T. Fletcher (reserve), L. Cockburn, E. Munns, T. Huigens, W. Addison, N. Naylor, G. Smith (vice-president), C. Solomon (president), B. Emery (selector). Front row: W. Burgess, W. Francis, B. Purnell, P. Meyers, D. Caygill, M. Walker. Max Walker had a big career in Soccer and Brian Emery, a former player with the club, went on in administration to become the ASF executive director.



Another Public Services side. This is the team that took out the "A" grade competition back in 1965.



PUBLIC SERVICES TOURING TEAM: In 1975 this squad toured Fiji, winning two games, drawing two and losing two. One draw was against Fiji's "B" national team. The goalkeeper, fourth from the left in the back row, is present secretary Mick Mikolajczyk. Next to him is president Clive Reddan.

TWO-YEAR BAN

A TWO-YEAR suspension was imposed on a Wodonga City player by the Albury-Wodonga Soccer Association's disputes tribunal, headed by association president John King.

It was the one of the longest suspensions every handed down by the tribunal. Mato Zagrovic was banned until 1986.

The 18-year-old player was charged and found guilty of violent conduct. It was alleged at the hearing that Zagrovic has kicked a Melrose Park Rangers player in a recent match.

— FRANK FINLAY

COUNTRY HOME AGAINST ACT

BY FRANK FINLAY

THE NSW Amateur Soccer Federation's Country representative teams completely outclassed the ACT State U13, 14 and 15 teams at Deakin Oval in Canberra.

After winning all three games (1-0, 4-3 and 2-1) they won the Jack Gray Memorial Trophy under the leadership of the Junior vice-president of the NSW ASF Bob Maundrell.

Eight boys from Albury and 12 from the Riverina area were among the teams.

In very cold and windy conditions, the young players found it hard to control the ball, especially when shooting for goal from a distance.

The U13s, after a long struggle, scored their only but winning goal.

The one-way traffic continued when the U14 side repeated their performance against the U14 Macquarie side at the Valentine Eleebana Oval on Lake Macquarie, where they won 4-3 on penalty kicks.

The U14 front-liners and sweeper seemed to be lost and confused at the beginning when they missed several open goals.

However, goalkeeper Vincent Bates sealed the victory when he saved two consecutive penalty kicks.

The U15s, despite the fact that Country

had already won the trophy, went in full bore and determination to have an outright win.

At half-time ACT was leading 1-0. In the second half, time started to run out but finally the Country boys scored an equaliser.

After the goal, the U15s became more committed and played an excellent game without luck. The winning goal was scored 28 seconds before the final whistle.

The president of the ACT Soccer Federation, Rodger Grylls, presented the Trophy

to Mr Maundrell at the HNK Croatia Deakin Soccer Club.

Each player received a gold commemorative medal donated by Barrie Arnolds, manager of the Albury McDonalds Family Restaurant, while Mr Maundrell received a silver tray with a silver goblet from Les O'Brien, manager of the Big Chief Trading Post of Albury.

He also presented three Australian hand-made brass clocks to the three NSW State coaches, Greg Ankudinoff, John Haynes and Vincent Balzan.

GAP TOO GREAT TO SENIORS

BY FRANK FINLAY

THE change-over this year from even to odd age groups in Albury-Wodonga was counter-productive at youth level.

Instead of having U16s, the Association this year has U15 and then Youth teams, which field players 18 years and over.

If a boy normally would have played U16, he had nowhere to go because the physical gap to Youth football was too great.

So players were lost unnecessarily to Australian Rules or other sports.

What is the use of bringing players through and then abandoning them at the stage when their Soccer careers should be ahead of them?

Former local club official David Hanchard said: "The AWSD, in its wisdom, has broadened the gap instead of trying to bridge it."

A keen player in England and Australia, Hanchard added: "Soccer for juniors should mean two-touch Soccer, keeping boys happy and letting them have fun."

"I am disgusted with coaches and managers who

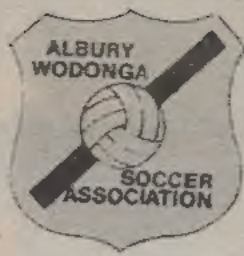


order their players to 'go out and win' rather than teaching boys the basics of the game."

His son John is unable to play because there is no U16s but has re-

tained his interest by refereeing.

The family is due to move back to Queensland at the end of the year, after David retires from the Armed Forces.



"He won't be long — they're playing extra time."

PORTOLESI MANAGER

JIM PORTOLESI, newly appointed manager for the Riverina representative side, has been actively invol-

ved in Soccer in Griffith and the Riverina for over 10 years.

He has held managerial positions in both senior and junior sides for Hanwood Catholic Soccer Club.

His seniors and juniors have been involved with the Southern



State League competitions in 1981-82, and during the past two years in the ACT League competitions.

He has been a real beaver as an administrator for his Hanwood club.

For two years he was Griffith's delegate to the Southern State League.

-FRANK FINLAY

AUBURN'S LEAGUE OF NATIONS

AUBURN Junior Soccer Club's U14 Div 1 team is made up of nationalities from all over the world.

They come from such diverse countries as Wales, Argentina, Malta, Scotland, Greece, Serbia, Lebanon, Croatia and Australia.

They have developed great teamwork which is displayed both on and off the field.

The team's defensive pattern and attacking skills are outstanding and it has only been beaten twice in two seasons of football.

In 1983, Auburn's U13s scored 37 goals and conceded only five to be undefeated champions of Division 2.

This year as U14s they were promoted to Division 1 and so far have scored 31 goals with 14 against.

The team is sponsored by Senser Ergin, of Mistik's Pizza, Auburn.

"I'm proud to be associated with a team of young boys from all countries who play the game hard on the field and are good citizens off the field," Mr Ergin said.



The team is: Back row: F. Carbo, D. Bath, C. Johnston, P. White, D. Buldioski, M. Irga (asst. coach); middle: Mr Engin, J. Barber, J. Delaney, A. Irga, D. Radisvicz, K. Papakyriakoli. Front: T. Lannigan, M. Alamad, B. Freeman. Absent: G. Delaney (coach).



ARMIDALE HIGH — BILL TURNER CUP TEAM

BACK ROW: Derek Jenkins, Ross Laybutt, Tim Calcott, Rodney Shoesmith, Warren Hay, Glen Frost, Ross Jones. Manager/Coach Mr David March.

FRONT ROW: Chris Jackson, Jason Kirk, William MacLean, Paul Baker, Andrew Kirk, Sean O'Donnell, Wayne Jones.

EXIT ARMIDALE HIGH

A GOAL in 58 seconds sent Booragul High Schools Bill Turner Cup team on its way to a sound 4-0 win over the home side Armidale High.

Tony Richards picked up a cross to lob in the first goal. John O'Neill forced his way into the penalty area where Darren McBeth beat three defenders before slotting the ball past Jenkins.

The ball stopped six

YOUTH LEAGUE
QUARTER-FINALS of the NSW Youth League competition, have been set down for Saturday at Melita Stadium, Gabbie Stadium, Mona Park, and Punchbowl Oval.

Competition secretary Bill Cullinan said the draws would be made available to clubs following the playing of deferred matches on Tuesday night.

The timing of games at the respective grounds will be U13 10.30am, U14 noon, U15 1.15pm, U16 3pm.

RESULTS
NSW AMATEUR CUP:
Loftus Rovers 5, Carlingford Redbacks 3.
Carlingbah Rangers 1, North Shore Hellas 0.
U14 STATE CUP:
Beverly Hills 5, Kirrawee 3.
METROP C'SHIPS:
U11: Sutherland 4, Southern Districts 2.
U12: Sutherland 3, Southern Districts 1.

inches from the line but Bruce Pemberton finished it off.

Every ground in Armidale was saturated from overnight rain but the school pitch held up reasonably well to allow the game to proceed.

The Booragul side was too experienced in general play in Armidale. Northern NSW State goalkeeper Derek Jen-

kins did all he could but eventually had to admit defeat on four occasions.

John O'Neill scored number two with a typically strong burst and Junior International Gavin Parry scored from the penalty spot in the second half. Booragul 4 (A Richards, B. Pemberton, J. O'Neill, G. Parry) d Armidale 0.

AMUNDSEN CUP SET FOR BEGA

THE Johs Amundsen Trophy for Under 14 teams will be staged next Easter in the delightful NSW South Coast township of Bega.

Competition organisers have given early notice so that clubs or associations can make early applications.

The host is Bega Devils Soccer Club and the series will be played at the Bega Recreation Grounds on April 6/8, 1985.

Up to 12 teams can be catered for and each will have a maximum of six games.

Billets are usually arranged for the teams who come from Tasmania. Accommodation for other clubs can be

arranged through the tournament organisers at reasonable rates.

The entry fee is \$50, which is refunded in full upon arrival of each team in Bega for the tournament.

If your club is interested, please write as soon as possible to organiser Karl Posselt, PO Box 98, Merimbula, NSW 2548.

Alternatively, phone 0649-51 288 (home, including answering machine) or 0649-56 641 (business).

SERDERON THE PLASTIC MAN PRIZE

SERDERON PTY LTD, Sydney's Polythene Distributors, will award \$1,000, split between five lucky junior clubs, associations, schools and organisations for their contributions to ASW for the period April 3 to September 25, 1984.



These can be in story and/or pictorial form. Photographs should be in black and white and have good contrast, although colour snaps will usually turn out satisfactorily.

The prize are: 1st \$500, 2nd \$250, 3rd \$100, 4th \$100, 5th \$50. The decision of the editorial staff of ASW will be final.

NEPEAN DISTRICT SOCCER FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

Request applications for

COACHES

U12 - U13 - U14 - U15 - U16
FOR 1985 SEASON

Applications, stating qualifications and experience, must be addressed to:

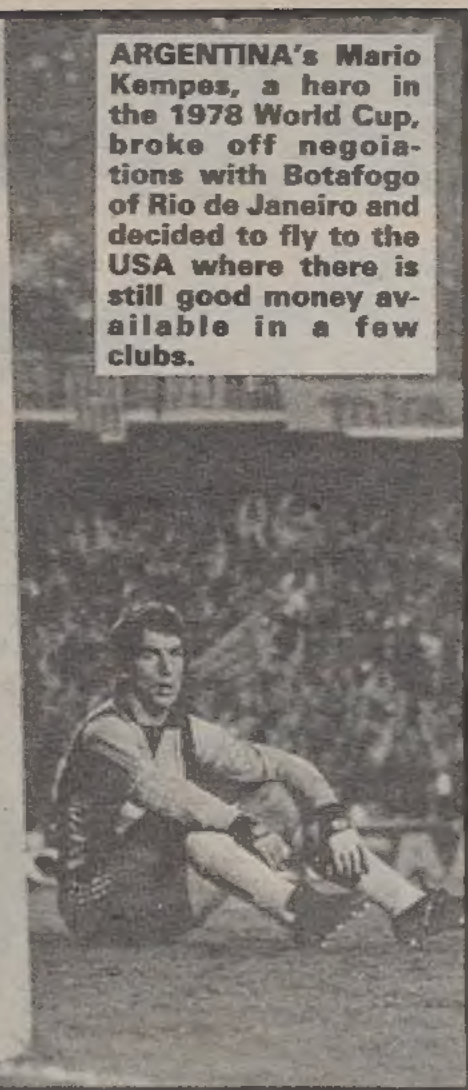
Mrs B. Horley,
Hon. Secretary,
NDSFA.

53 Second Avenue,
KINGSWOOD 2750

By August 21.



ARGENTINA's Mario Kempes, a hero in the 1978 World Cup, broke off negotiations with Botafogo of Rio de Janeiro and decided to fly to the USA where there is still good money available in a few clubs.



BARCELONA GAMBLE WITH ARCHIBALD



BARCELONA finally landed their man to replace Diego Maradona by signing Steve Archibald from Tottenham Hotspur.

The fee paid by the Spanish club was about \$1,500,000. That represents quite a gamble for new Barcelona boss Terry Venables in his first major signing.

In the past, British players have not been a huge success in Spain.

Now Spurs, back in training for the new season, are searching for a forward to replace Archibald, bearing in mind

there is another vacancy to be filled following the sale of Alan Brazil to Manchester United.

Gary Lineker of Leicester City is top of Spurs' shopping list but they'll have to bid high to get him.

Lineker has just been elevated to the England squad and played as a sub in the match against Scotland at the end of last season.

Leicester would not release Lineker for less than \$1,500,000. They can afford to wait because both Liverpool and Manchester United tried to sign Lineker last season.



STEVE ARCHIBALD

With Brazil and Archibald both gone, Tottenham made sure they re-signed Garth Crooks, another forward who looked likely to quit the London club.

BRAZIL HOST 1994

PLENTY of people were disappointed when Brazil pulled out of the bidding to stage the 1986 World Cup, allowing Mexico to get the nomination.

It was also disappointing to Brazilians to discover that their own Joao Havelange, president of FIFA, was opposed to Brazil staging the Cup.

Now it seems Havelange has changed his mind. He DOES want the World Cup in Brazil, but it is

suggested it will be the 1994 Cup. That seems a long way off.

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ATHLETICO MINEIRO of Brazil put Reinaldo up for sale. Flamengo tried to sign him but, just before the deal was clinched, Flamengo pulled out.

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AMERICA RIO has signed Valdir Peres from Sao Paulo and Corinthians bought Arturzinho from Vasco.

TROUBLE FOR BOCA JUNIORS

THERE has been a big disruption at Boca Juniors, the famous Buenos Aires club, and, as usual, it is over money.

The players have gone on strike!

The chapter of events was: —

When 15 players failed to turn up for a match due to salary and bonus rows, they were each suspended for 12 days.

Then 25 players were told to meet the club

management as a test of their strike.

When Boca Juniors played Atlanta, losing 2-1, an amateur team had to be selected. There were 40 on strike that day.

Cash claims by some players included \$56,000 by Gareca, \$21,000 by Ruggeri and

another \$33,000 by others.

Gareca and Ruggeri could not play for

Argentina against Uruguay this month because of their suspensions.



SUPER SCORER — THAT'S ZICO

HOW do the world's leading goalscorers measure up in terms of percentage of goals per games played?

Zico of Brazil has an outstanding average.

He's scored 709 goals in 741 matches, giving him an average of 96 per cent.

But Zico has done even better in matches for Flamengo. In 635 games, he scored 630 times ...

an amazing return of 99 per cent.

Rummenigge of West Germany has 234 goals from 386 appearances, an average of 61 per cent.

Paolo Rossi has a 45 per cent average ... with 109 goals in 241 games.

EARLY END

ITALY's first division competition will end on May 19 next year. This will allow Brazil's expatriate stars to return home in time to represent their country in the international against Bolivia on June 2.

BRAZIL HAS 12 ACES IN ITALY

THERE are now 42 top-line foreign players in the Italian first division — 23 from Europe and 19 from South America.



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Brazil has 12, Argentina five, England four, Denmark, West Germany and Sweden three apiece, Peru, Poland and Scotland two each plus one from France, Austria, Belgium, Holland, Ireland and Yugoslavia.

Which clubs have signed the cream of the foreigners?

Udinese, with Zico, Edinho and Dirceu, look strong and the Irish-German duo of Brady and Rummenigge should spark Inter Milan.

But champions Juventus still carry title hopes thanks to Platini and Boniek.

It will be interesting to see how Napoli's two Argentinian World Cup players, Maradona and Bertoni, cope with the Italian pressures.

Bertoni is no stranger to that after playing with Fiorentina and good judges predict Maradona will be more at home in Italy than he was in Spain with Barcelona.

CHANGE FINAL DATES

WITH the 1986 World Cup finals starting earlier than usual — May 31 — the normal European club competitions will have to have earlier finals.

The European Cup, UEFA Cup and Cup Winners Cup will be settled a fortnight earlier than normal.

This will also mean the British domestic leagues will be brought forward to avoid chaotic congestion in late season.

But whatever happens, it appears certain that, once again, British players will have the minimum time to prepare properly for the World Cup. Assuming of course, some British teams qualify.

ABERDEEN LOSE ANOTHER STAR

ABERDEEN's outstanding championship-winning side is well and truly broken up now.

Scottish international defender Doug Rougie walked out on the club last week while Aberdeen were discussing his request for better terms.

Rougie travelled to London and immediately signed for Chelsea. Aberdeen and Chelsea have not discussed transfer terms and a fee will have to be settled by an independent tribunal.

The Scottish champions value Rougie at \$470,000.



FRANK LAMPARD

LAMPARD READY FOR ANOTHER

FRANK LAMPARD, the long-serving West Ham full-back, says he is ready for another season, despite rumours that he would retire along with team-mates Billy Bonds and Trevor Brooking.

Lampard has been 20 years with the Hammers and knows the club is seeking a replacement.

"I have had a mar-

vellous run and will not be too disappointed if West Ham sign a top defender," said Lampard.

He has trained right

through the English summer and says: "The old enthusiasm is still there and when you've got that, age doesn't really matter."

PETER WITHE (left) is challenged by Steve Foster.

WITHE GOING HOME?

ENGLAND forward Peter Withe of Aston Villa is the big target for ambitious Newcastle United.

Four years ago, Withe moved from Newcastle to Villa for close to \$1,000,000 and Newcastle are hoping they'll get him back for half that figure.

Other clubs also fancy Withe. Southampton and Sunderland will be in with counter bids if the player looks like joining Newcastle.



A REAL BON VOYAGE

GRAHAM TURNER was on a cruise around the Greek islands when he heard he had been appointed manager of Aston Villa on a five-year contract at \$250,000.

It was a surprise appointment because Turner, player-manager of Shrewsbury, thought he had blown his chance of the job when he was interviewed three weeks earlier.

At that interview, Turner made certain demands and it took Villa chairman Doug Ellis three weeks to agree to them.

"It wasn't just the money. I shall be in charge of all playing affairs at the club," said Turner.

AIRLINE CRASH HITS SAINTS

SPONSORSHIP dollars from the USA, expected by Southampton, will not now be forthcoming.

The airline, Air Florida, had agreed to sponsor Southampton for the next three years at an outlay of \$500,000.

Then Air Florida went into liquidation — which means no money for the Saints.

In the 1983-84 season, Southampton were given \$100,000 by Air Florida. They are now seeking a new sponsor.

VIV ANDERSON is the star Arsenal have bought to fill their problem right-back position, a spot Australia's Alan Davidson looked like filling.

Anderson, Nottingham Forest's English international, came a lot more expensive than Davidson.

Arsenal tried to buy Anderson last season.

Forest's other unsettled star, skipper Ian Bowyer, is tipped as a likely buy for Luton Town.



VIV ANDERSON

GORDON DAVIES GOING



GORDON DAVIES, Fulham's Welsh international forward, is still keen to get away from the club.

So are England Under 21 defender Tony Gale and midfielder Ray

Houghton.

All three have refused new contracts at Fulham.

"I have had six happy years at Fulham but I want to play at the top level and make sure of my future," said Davies.

Sunderland are keen on the 28 year-old Welshman.



NICHOLSON GOES BUST

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR, in a surprisingly human gesture, have erected a bronze bust in the foyer at White Hart Lane to honour previous manager Bill Nicholson.

The bust was erected recently with little ceremony but there will be a special installation function at the start of the season.

Nicholson, at 65, is still on Spurs pay-roll as chief scout.

He was away on holiday when the bust was placed at White Hart Lane but his family

said: "Bill thinks it's a marvellous thing."

Arsenal could claim their Spurs neighbours are 50 years late in thinking about a bust for a respected team manager.

Arsenal put up a bust of Herbert Chapman in the foyer at Highbury in 1934, and it's still there!

UNFASHIONABLE third division club, Bristol Rovers, have a staggering scheme to hoist their team into the big-time at a cost of \$17,000,000.

Big men behind the plan are Rovers directors Barry Bradshaw,

Martin Flook and their present ground landlord, Ian Stevens.

The scheme involves quitting the ancient Eastville Stadium and moving to a brand new headquarters some miles away.

Rovers new ground would be an all-sports complex, able to handle greyhound racing, athletics and speedway racing and would have community facilities for entertaining families.

Soccer, however, would be the main sport there.

The Eastville ground is to be sold to industrial firms and retail shops, including a huge supermarket.

If all this comes to fruition, Bristol Rovers would have cash left over to buy outstanding players and backroom staff in a courageous bid to put the team on the map.

ROVERS TO DO IT IN STYLE

COVENTRY CITY's Ashley Grimes has been transferred to Luton Town in an exchange deal. Luton's Kirk Stephens plus a fee of \$80,000 go to Coventry.

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TONY COTON and Bob Hopkins of Birmingham City have each been fined a fortnight's wages following recent incidents on the Spanish holiday island of Ibiza.

Manager Ron Saunders reprimanded the pair as well as two other Birmingham players, Howard Gayle and Noel Blake.

All four players were warned that their contracts would be cancelled if there was any future misconduct.

Three girls returned from Ibiza to Britain a week early, claiming the four Birmingham players had ruined their holiday.



HOWARD GAYLE



NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE



ROUND 19
AUGUST 4-5

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NATIONAL CONFERENCE

NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD UTD

2 v 1

BLACKTOWN CITY

Adamstown Oval 2.30pm
SATURDAY

LEICHHARDT

3 v 2

ST GEORGE

Henson Park 3pm

MARCONI

1 v 1

PARRA MELITA EAGLES

Marconi Stadium 3pm

PENRITH CITY

0 v 0

BRISBANE CITY

Cook Park, St Marys 3pm

SYDNEY CITY

1 v 1

SYDNEY CROATIA

Sydney Athletic Field 3pm

SYDNEY OLYMPIC

3 v 0

WOLLONGONG CITY

Pratten Park 3pm



BRISBANE LIONS

3 v 0

SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS

Richlands 3pm

FOOTSCRAY

0 v 0

BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS

Schintler Reserve 3pm

GREEN GULLY

3 v 0

CANBERRA ARROWS

Green Gully 3pm

HEIDELBERG UNITED

1 v 1

ADELAIDE CITY

Olympic Village 3pm

MELBOURNE CROATIA

3 v 1

PRESTON

Olympic Park 3pm

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SOUTH MELBOURNE

Hindmarsh Stadium 2.30pm

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